

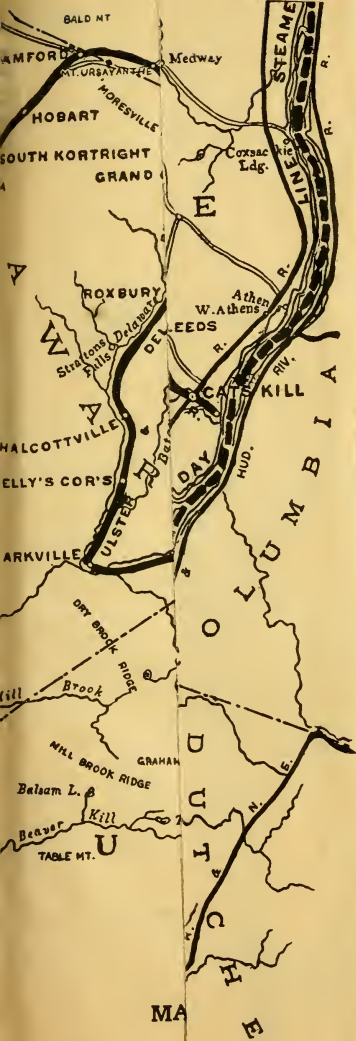
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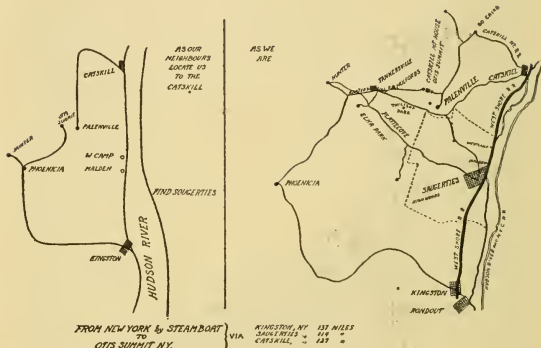
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INTRODUCTION

The Catskills occupy that portion of the great Appalachian Highland embraced in Greene, Ulster and Delaware Counties, with spurs extending into Albany and Schoharie Counties. **LOCATION**

Roughly estimated, they cover an area of nearly 2,500 square miles, and present a more diversified appearance than any region in existence.

The Eastern or Main range commences at a distance of ninety miles from New York and extends north for about twenty miles.

This range is situated at an average distance of ten miles west of the river and rises abruptly from its base to an elevation of over 3,000 feet. It is broken from its summit to its base in two places by openings named by the original Dutch settlers "Cloves," which are the outlets of the small streams.

In Greene County this range sends off a spur northwest that separates Cairo and Durham from Windham and Hunter and extends into Albany and Schoharie Counties.

A small spur commences at Catskill and extends northward, being known as the Potick Hills.

About 15 miles west of the river in Ulster County the southern range commences, and extends northwest. This range consists of The Wittenberg Chain, Dry Brook Range and the Moresville Range. The Wittenberg Chain contains the highest point in the Catskills, Slide Mountain, 4,205 feet above tide.

The Moresville range extends into Delaware and Schoharie Counties and is the extreme western spur of the Catskills, its highest point being Mount Utsayantha, at Stamford.

Between these ranges lie a series of ranges, the principal ones being The Patterson Ridge, Elm Ridge, The Lexington Chain, East Jewett Range, the West Kill Chain, Birch Ridge and Red Kill Ridge.

The summit of these ranges are broad, wild and rocky, with precipitous declivities.

There are innumerable high peaks throughout the region, two of which, The Slide and Hunter Mountain exceed 4,000 feet in height, while more than fifty peaks exceed 3,000 feet in elevation.

By far the greatest number of peaks are found in the Northern Catskills, and good trails lead from the settlements to the summits.

A pretty Indian legend, written by Irving, makes the locality the great treasury of storm and sunshine for the territory along the Hudson. An old squaw spirit had charge of it, who dwelt on the highest peak of the mountain. Here she kept them, day and night, shut up in her wigwam, letting out one at a time. She made new moons every month and hung them up in the sky, cutting up the old ones into stars. The great Manitou, or master spirit, employed her to manufacture clouds. Sometimes she wove them out of gossamer cobwebs and morning dew, and sent them off, flake after flake, to float in the air and give light summer showers. Sometimes she would blow up black thunderstorms and send down drenching rains to



A VILLAGE STREET

swell the streams and sweep everything away.

Scattered throughout the valleys lying between the ranges of mountains are numerous fine farms that are very productive.

Although there are over 90 small hamlets embraced in the Catskills, there is a vast portion that is a thickly wooded wilderness that is the home of a number of wild animals, the largest of which is the bear.

Brer Fox also finds plenty of hiding places here, from which he makes frequent raids on the neighboring henroosts.

An occasional wildcat strays into the more remote settlements at times to meet death.

Plenty of smaller game abound and the Nimrod can have his choice of hunting (in season) rabbits, partridge, squirrels, coons, and in some localities wild ducks.

The deer are plentiful around Slide Mountain (The State deer park), but are protected by law.

The geological formation of the Catskills **GEOLOGY** has long puzzled scientists and they have never been able to agree as to whether these beautiful mountains have been the result of some giant volcanic upheaval during a prehistoric age or whether the vast glaciers that once covered New York state are responsible for their existence. There are many evidences of glacial erosion.

The north side of the mountains are generally bare and rocky, while the south sides are covered with vast deposits of drift, which would indicate either glacial erosion or that the region was at one time swept by a vast current of water from the north. Instead of the usual mountain formation the rock is composed of piled up strata in the horizontal position.

Nearly all of the strata composing the New York system are found in the eastern range.

The gray grits and conglomerates forming the floors of the coal measures are found a hundred feet below the surface on the mountains. Near the Hudson are vast formations of cement rock which is now being

manufactured. Lime rock abounds in many localities, while the shale formation predominates in other regions. The mountains in Ulster County and in some portions of Greene County have rich deposits of blue stone. A few mineral springs are found, iron and sulphur predominating.

STREAMS

The streams of the Catskills present some striking peculiarities that interest the student of nature.

The Esopus, the principal stream of the southern Catskills, after tearing its way through rocks and mountains for a distance of forty miles on its mad race to the Hudson, reaches a point a short two miles from the river at Kingston, and then, as though looking for a frolic, turns and wends its way northward, throwing its waters over the beautiful Glenerie Falls and rushing through rocky banks finally reaching the Hudson near Saugerties.

The Schoharie creek drains the central portion of the Catskills. Rising in the western part of the town of Hunter, its waters, after a devious course, find their way to the Mohawk, and from there to the Hudson, passing a point, after a race of 170 miles in their way toward the ocean, ten miles east of their starting place.

A few rods distant from the headwaters of Schoharie and caused by an elevation so slight as to be hardly noticeable, the Platterkill creek, a branch of the Esopus, rises, and, flowing eastward through the Platterkill Clove, has worn through solid rock, forming a canyon which is one of the most wonderful formations in the entire Catskills.

Four miles north of the Platterkill the Kaaterskill creek has torn its way through the beautiful Kaaterskill Clove after its mad tumble over the noted Kaaterskill Falls, and having been joined by the stream from Haines Falls joins Catskill Creek near Catskill.

Catskill Creek, rising in the southwestern part of Albany County, drains the northern and northeastern part of the region after receiving the waters of Shingle Kill and

Vandibock creeks near Cairo and the Kaaterskill creek near Catskill flows into the Hudson.

The Delaware River drains the western part of the Catskills, a branch rising at Stamford, and within a short distance of



AT THE FOOT OF THE OVERLOOK MT.

here one reaches the headwaters of a branch of the Susquehanna.

The streams are mostly shallow, with rocky bottoms, fed from cool mountain springs, and abound in trout. They are stocked annually and as a result no place in the state offers more sport to the anglers than the Catskills.

TROUT STREAMS

The principal trout streams are the Beaverkill, Biscuit Brook, Platterkill, the Delaware River, Schoharie Creek, Kaaterskill Creek, the Mink Hollow Brook, Esopus Creek, Stony Clove Creek, the Bushkill, Dry Brook, the Neversink Creek, Emory Brook, Watson Hollow Brook, the Shingle Kill, Potuck Creek, Batavia Kill and East Kill. The region around Big Indian is undoubtedly the best known and most prolific fishing ground in the mountains, but the other regions mentioned will afford the angler plenty of sport with good catches.

LAKES

The Catskills have no large bodies of water. There are, however, a large number of small but beautiful lakes found in the region, that for picturesque beauty stand unrivalled.

The Kaaterskill Lakes are the largest of these lakes and cover an area of over fifty acres. A fleet of boats on this lake filled with pleasure seekers adds interest to the view.

Greenes Lake, between Athens and Leeds, and Black Lake, in the same locality, are two pretty sheets of water much frequented by summer visitors.

Echo Lake on the Overlook Mountain is a beautiful little lake that is practically unknown to the summer tourist.

Coopers Lake at Lake Hill is noted for its beauty.

In the vicinity of Stamford there are a number of beautiful lakes, Utsayantha Lake and the Churchill Lakes being the most famous.

Lake Odell, a few miles from Stamford, is a delightful little sheet of water.

The town of Hardenburg boasts of the greatest number of small lakes, there being nearly a dozen in this locality.

Furlough Lake, one of the finest, is the property of George J. Gould.

In addition to these lakes there are numerous ponds scattered throughout the entire Catskill region.

It has been claimed that the Catskill region was visited by Spanish explorers previous to 1609. The truth of this statement has never been proven, hence much of the early history of the region is shrouded in mystery.

HISTORY

The first authentic record of this locality dates from the visit of Hendrick Hudson, in September, 1609, when Hudson and the crew



AUSTIN'S GLEN, CATSKILL CREEK

DIS- COVERY

of the Half Moon dropped anchor off the site of the present city of Hudson and paid a friendly visit to the Indians at the base of the mountains. Through the discovery of this region the Dutch took possession and in 1614 established a small fort near the mouth of Rondout Kill (the present site of Rondout). Here an extensive trade in peltries was established with the Indians.

Probably the first description of this locality was embraced in a letter written by Dominie Megapolensis, of the Dutch Reformed Church, who, after a visit in 1656, wrote: "Up the North River, half way between the Mannhattans and Beverwyck, lies a place called by the Indians, 'Atharhacton.' It is an exceedingly fine country." In 1643 Adrien Van der Donck, sheriff of the patroon of Rensselaerwyck, made a fruitless effort to secure the Indian title to this vast region.

INDIAN WARS

In 1659 the territory bordering along the Hudson suffered the horrors of an Indian war. The settlements continued to thrive and encroach on the hunting grounds of the savages, who, again in 1665, made war on the settlers on both sides of the river. The English in 1664 took possession of a portion of the region, and fourteen years later, on the 8th of July, 1678, Mahak-Neminaw, the Indian chief, and a few members of his tribe, met at Albany and passed the title to this magnificent region to a company composed of English and Dutch.

The Great Hardenburg Patent, granted by Queen Anne, transferred the greater part of the Catskills to Johannes Hardenburg and associates of Kingston, and this section became known as Ulster. The section back of the Hudson (in the mountains) was not settled until a few years before the revolution.

During the Revolution the settlers suffered severely from Tory and Indian depredations, the Tories in Catskill, Hunter and Cairo acting as guides to the Indians on their plundering expeditions. After the war settlers from Connecticut moved to the neighborhood in large numbers and established tanneries in several localities.

**RESORT
HISTORY**

The history of the Catskills as a summer resort may be said to have begun in 1822, when Mr. Erastus Beach conveyed a party of tourists who were returning from Saratoga to Pine Orchard, that they might witness the wonderful view from that spot, and the next year a stock company, called the Catskill Mountain Association was formed. Purchasing 300 acres of land, a carriage road was built five miles down the mountain, intersecting the Catskill road. In 1824 a ten-room hotel was erected, and the following year fifty rooms were added. This hotel has entertained many of America's best known men and women, and a treasured register contains the signatures of poets, artists, political leaders, diplomats, literary lights and divines, as well as many noted foreigners. The erection of the hotel marks a change in the Catskills, a change from a region of tanneries to a region noted for its popularity as a summer resort, a region noted for its freedom from malarial affections, and for its delightful atmosphere, destined to become America's most popular summer resort.

From 1825 the Catskills continued to grow in popularity and the number of visitors increased annually.

The lumbering stage-coach which had conveyed visitors from Kingston was found to have outlived its period of usefulness, and a railroad was projected. Many engineering obstacles were met with, but human ingenuity conquered nature, and in 1874 the Ulster and Delaware Railroad was completed to Stamford, with a branch from Pheonicia to Kaaterskill. This marked a new epoch in the development of the region and the growth of summer patronage has been so marvelous that to-day the statistics furnished by the various transportation companies covering the region shows that nearly a half a million people come to the Catskills annually for health, rest and recreation, accompanied by the freedom that is to be found there.

SCENERY

It is beyond the pen of the writer or the brush of the artist to accurately portray the beauties of the Catskills. A region does not exist where the scenery is more varied or

VIEWS

more awe inspiring. Every change in atmospheric conditions and every passing cloud create a change in the appearance of the mountains. From the summit of the eastern range at the Catskill Mountain House ranges the tourist obtains one of the most remarkable views on the American continent, a view embracing an area of 10,000 square miles and extending to the White Mountains in New Hampshire, the Berkshires in Massachusetts, the Green Mountains of Vermont and embracing the Hudson for miles. The river villages lie at your feet and the river itself resembles a silvery ribbon.

This magnificent view is undoubtedly the best known of the Catskill Mountain views and has been described by Cooper in his pioneer tales as follows:

"I have traveled the woods for fifty-three years," said Leather Stocking, "and have made my home in them for more than forty,



LOOKING SOUTH FROM ONTEORA PARK,
ONTEORA

and I can say that I have met but one place that was more to my liking, and that was only to eyesight and not for hunting and fishing."

"And where was that?" asked Edwards.

"Where? Why, up on the Catskills. I used to go up into the mountains after wolves' skins and bears; once they brought me to get them a stuffed painter, and so I often went.

"There's a place in them hills that I used to climb when I wanted to see the carryings on of the world, that would well pay any man for a barked shin or a torn moccasin.

"You know the Catskills, lad, for you must have seen them on your left as you followed the river up from York, looking as blue as a piece of clear sky and holding the clouds on their tops as the smoke curls over the head of an Indian chief at council fire.

"Well, there's High Peak and Round Top, which lay back like a father and mother among their children, seeing they are far above the other hills. But the place I mean is next to the river, where one of the ridges juts out a little from the rest and where the rocks fall for the best part of a thousand feet, so much up and down that a man standing on their edges is fool enough to think he can jump from top to bottom."

"What do you see when you get there?" asked Edwards.

"Creation!" said Natty, dropping the end of his rod into the water and sweeping one hand around him in a circle, "all creation, lad. I was on that hill when Vaughn burnt Sopus in the last war. And I seen the vessels come out of the Highlands as plainly as I can see that lime scow rowing into the Susquehanna, though one was twenty miles farther from me than the other. The river was in sight for seventy miles under my feet looking like a curled shaving, though it was eight long miles to its banks. I saw the hills in the Hampshire grants, the Highlands of the river and all that God had done or man could do, as far as the eye could reach—you know the Indians named me for my sight, lad—and from the top of that moun-

FENNIMORE
COOPER'S
DESCRIP-
TION

tain I have often found the place where Albany stands; and as for Sopus, the day the royal troops burned the town the smoke seemed so nigh that I thought I could hear the screeches of the women."

"It must have been worth the toil to meet with such a glorious view."

"If being the best part of a mile in the air, and having men's farm and houses at your feet, with rivers looking like ribands and mountains bigger than the 'vision' seeming to be hay stacks of green grass under you, gives any satisfaction to a man, I can recommend the spot.

"When I first came to the woods to live I used to have weak spells and I felt lonesome; and then I would go to the Catskills and spend a few days on that hill to look at the ways of man; but it's now many a year since I felt any such longing and I'm getting too old for these rugged rocks. But there's a place, a short two miles back of that very hill, that in late times I relished better than the mountains, for it was more kivered by the trees and more nateral,"



CATSKILL CREEK, NEAR CAIRO

"And where was that?" inquired Edwards, whose curiosity was strongly excited by the simple description of the hunter.

"Why, there's a fall in the hills where the water of two little ponds that lie near each other breaks out of their bonds and runs over the rocks into the valley.

"The stream is, maybe, such a one as would turn a mill, if so useless a thing was wanted in the wilderness. But the hand that made that 'Leap' never made a mill. There the water comes crooking and winding among the rocks, first so slow that trout could swim in it, and then starting and running just like any creetur that wanted to make a fair spring, till it gets to where the mountain divides like the cleft hoof of a deer, leaving a deep hollow for the brook to tumble into. The first pitch is nigh two hundred feet and the water looks like flakes of driven snow afore it touches the bottom; and there the stream gathers itself together again for a new start and maybe flutters over fifty feet of flat rock before it falls for another hundred, when it jumps about from shelf to shelf, first turning this way and then turning that a way, striving to get out of the hollow till it finally comes to the plain."

WATER- FALLS

"I have never heard of this spot before," exclaimed Edwards; "it is not mentioned in the books."

"I never read a book in my life," said Leather Stocking, "and how should a man who has lived in towns and schools know anything about the wonder of the woods? No, no, lad; there has that little stream of water been playing among them hills since he made the world and not a dozen white men have ever laid eyes on it. The rock sweeps like mason work in a half-round, on both sides of the fall and shelves, over the bottom for fifty feet; so that when I've been setting at the foot of the first pitch, and my hounds have run into the caverns behind the sheet of water, they've looked no bigger than so many rabbits. To my judgment, lad,

it's the best piece of work I've met with in the woods and none know how often the hand of God is seen in a wilderness but them that rove it for a man's life."

"What becomes of the water? In what direction does it run? Is it a tributary of the Delaware?"

"Anon," said Natty.

"Does the water run into the Delaware?"

"No, no; it's a drop for the old Hudson; and a merry time it has till it gets down off the mountain. I've sat on the shelving rock many a long hour, boy, and watched the bubbler as they shot by me and thought how long it would be before that very water which seemed made for the wilderness would be under the bottom of a vessel and tossing in the salt sea. It is a spot to make a man solemnize. You can see right down into the valley that lies to the east of the High Peak, where in the fall of the year thousands of acres of woods are before your eyes in the deep hollow and along the side of the mountain, painted like ten thousand rainbows by no hand of man, though not without the ordering of God's providence."

Picturesque waterfalls abound and are found in every nook and corner.

Many of these falls are noted and there are few people who have not heard of the Kaaterskill Falls, Haines Falls, Santa Cruz Falls, The Shinglekill Falls, The Devesego Falls, Red Falls, The Platterkill Falls and Fawn's Leap. They are visited each year by thousands.

MOUNTAIN CLOVES

The most awe inspiring scenery is found in the openings in the mountains from their summit to their base, called "cloves." These "cloves" are the outlet of the rapid streams in the region, and the water has worn fantastic shapes and deep gorges through the solid rock throughout their entire length. The most noted cloves are the Kaaterskill, the Platterkill and Stony Clove. The Kaaterskill opening is between Palenville and Haines Falls, the Platterkill Clove is between West Saugerties and Platte Clove,

the Stony Clove is between Chichesters and Kaaterskill Junction.

On the summits of Utsayantha Mountain at Stamford, High Peak near Haines Falls, Slide Mountain, near Slide Mountain P. O., Mount Pisgah, near Windham are observatories from which some wonderful views may be obtained. Here and there in countless numbers are picturesque little nooks with

OBSERVATORIES



A COZY CABIN,
STAMFORD

THE FRESH AIR CHILDREN

magnificent surroundings that are a source of delight to the artist and of inspiration to the poet. Vast trees towering high in the air, shading the beautiful ferns growing at their base, create erratic ideal environment for a hammock and book, or a noonday siesta. The lichens are found here in profusion in numerous forms, varying from flower-shaped to the most fantastic forms.

Even the rocks seem endowed with life

CURIOUS FORMA- TIONS,

and assume fantastic forms, some of which closely resemble human figures as well as animals. The two most striking instances of these resemblances are found in Profile Rock in the Kaaterskill Clove, where a human face is outlined and in Alligator rock, near the Catskill Mountain House, where a huge rock resembles an alligator's head. The mountains themselves assume strange forms when seen from a distance. Just below Catskill may be seen the "Old Man in the Mountains," so called from the resemblance to a human form in a reclining position. The forehead, nose, mouth, chin and body are plainly defined. At Hunter a high mountain resembles a gigantic chair and is named the Colonel's Chair.

The wild flowers which grow in profusion add to the attractiveness of the region. With the coming of spring the dainty arbutus, with its wax-like blossoms and beautiful odor, makes its appearance. The Laurel is at its best in June, and its blossoms cover large portions of the region. The buttercup and pansy, as well as the Golden-rod, are found in profusion. The wild orchid is found in many localities, and the violet adds its mite to the beauty of the Flora. The rocks are covered with mosses of different hues, and these mossy spots are the attraction for numbers of those who wish to while away time with an interesting book.

AMUSE- MENTS

As the majority of those going to a mountain resort go there to enjoy outdoor life, it follows that the amusements must be "open air" sports; hence, the Catskills have their share of outdoor amusements. Of these, baseball is the most popular, and not only does every town have its baseball club, but a majority of the hotels organize teams to play teams from the surrounding hotels. These games furnish considerable merriment at times on account of the grotesque appearance of some of the players, as well as by the errors made by them.

Horseback riding is indulged in to a large extent and coaching parties form another form of amusement.

Nearly every place has a bowling alley, and bowling is as popular with the ladies as with the men, so that the game is well patronized.

Tennis is popular and a majority of the hotels have well-kept tennis courts, which are the scene of many warmly contested matches.

Rowing may be indulged in at a number of the resorts.

A few of the localities furnish streams deep enough for bathing.

Mountain climbing is the most general and most beneficial out-of-door exercise indulged in and its devotees find so many points of interest that there is practically no limit to the number of trips to be had. This is a sport which brings every muscle into play and sends the blood coursing through the arteries at a faster rate, creating a ravenous appetite and routing dyspepsia and insomnia. The trips may be varied from an hour's ramble to a week's jaunt to suit the individual taste and strength. Care should be taken, however, not to overdo this at the start in, the lengthening of the trips should be gradual. Two of the most interesting pedestrian tours are making the descent of the Kaaterskill Clove, following the creek and returning by the road to Haines Falls, and walking down the Plaaterkill Clove, returning by road to Platte Clove.

MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Golf has many devotees and, recognizing this, there have been a number of golf clubs formed and a number of first-class courses laid out for the lovers of this pastime. Chief of these courses is the Catskill Mountain Golf Club course at Haines Falls; here a large club has been organized and one of the best courses in the mountains laid out; this brings a large contingent of golfers to that place. The Kaaterskill course at the Hotel Kaaterskill and the Catskill Mountain House course are for the use of the guests at these houses. The Grant House at Catskill has an excellent course and another fine course is found at the Grand Hotel at Grand Hotel Station. The Utsayantha Golf Club at Stamford have one of the finest links in

GOLF

the region and among its hazards is a small lake, which has swallowed many a golfer's sphere, much to his chagrin and the laughter of his fellow-players. Several other courses are found in other parts of the Catskills.

A majority of the hotels having fine orchestras, offer every dancer an opportunity of tripping the light fantastic. Amateur theatricals under the supervision of some of the professionals who summer here are of frequent occurrence.

A CHILD'S PARADISE.

This land is the children's paradise, where they may romp and play to their heart's content. The larger hotels have playgrounds devoted exclusively to the children, and in every region they will find cool brooks, with pebbly shores that are lined with shade trees. There are no "Keep off the grass" signs and no vigilant-eyed "coppers" to keep them from throwing pebbles or plucking the wild flowers that grow in profusion.



THE CHAPEL, ONTEORA PARK

**THE
PARKS**

Within the past fifteen years a new impulse has been given to the Catskills by the formation of cottage communities, styled parks, and they have been an important factor in the development of the localities in which they are situated and their growth has been wonderful. They present an ideal manner of summering for those who prefer to follow their own habits, instead of being obliged to conform to the regulations of a fashionable hotel. Life here is made enjoyable by a freedom from care enjoyed with the comforts of a comfortable home.

A pleasant intercourse with one's neighbors seems to be one of the most charming points of this form of living, and euchre parties, teas and various entertainments tend to make the hours pass quickly.

The cottagers take a lively interest in local affairs, and their efforts have aided in securing many improvements throughout the region that have added to the popularity of the Catskills.

At the present there are ten of these settlements, of which those located in the Town of Hunter are the best known. The largest settlement is at Haines Falls, near the opening of the Kaaterskill Clove. Three adjoining parks, Santa Cruz, Twilight and Sunset, are located on the north side of Round Top Mountain. These three parks have a combined total of 100 cottages, five inns, two churches, a casino and a golf course, with a summer population of over a thousand people.

Santa Cruz is one of the most picturesque and commands a wonderful view of the close and river valley. It receives its name from

Santa Cruz Park is one of the most picturesque and commands a wonderful view of the Clove and river valley. It receives its name from Santa Cruz (Holy Cross) Falls, which resemble a cross in their formation. It has a large number of cottages and a celebrated inn.

Twilight Park is the largest of the parks, and has three inns, two churches and a



TWILIGHT PARK, HAINES FALLS

casino. Its name was derived from the Twilight Association, of New York.

Sunset Park is located on a series of lodges adjoining Twilight on the west, commanding a magnificent view of the River valley and the Hunter Valley, as well as of the Kaaterskill Falls. Its name was given because of the beautiful sunsets seen from there. It has a fine Inn.

Onteora Park, so named from Onteora Mount (Parker Mount), is located on the south side of that mountain just north of Tannersville. This colony is the most exclusive of the Catskill Mountain parks and is often referred to as the "silk stocking" park. It has fine cottages, two club houses and the prettiest church in the Catskills. The view from here extends south, east and west.

Elka Park is a mile and a half south of Tannersville on the east side of Spruce Top Mountain. Its name is derived from the initial letters of the several German societies of which its residents are members. These cottages differ from the cottage in the other

communities, as the German are fond of light and sunshine, hence the ground around each cottage is cleared. The cottages are miniature reproductions of German castles. Several stone towers have been built for observations and their beauty adds to the attractions of the place. Two fine club houses, a miniature lake and a casino are among its points of interest.

**COM-
MUNITY
SETTLE-
MENTS.**

Schoharie Manor, another popular park, adjoins Elka Park on the east. Schoharie Mansion, one of the most beautiful structures in the Catskills, is located here, commanding a magnificent view and attracting the attention of thousands.

There is a large cottage colony, not designated as a park, because the colony is composed of individual estates, located east of Schoharie Manor at the head of the Platterkill Clove.

The remainder of the parks are located in the Western Catskills.

High Mount, just above Pine Hill, is on a mountain of the same name. It is popular with artists and commands some beautiful views.

Fleischmann Park is located on Fleischmann's Mountain, near Griffin's Corners, in Delaware County. It is the residence of the Fleischmann families and of some of their friends. It has the finest residences of any of the Catskill Mountain parks with numerous pretty walks and drives.

The youngest of the Parks is Churchill Park at Stamford, but it is a lusty youngster and bids fair to become the most popular park in the Catskills. Two beautiful lakes, a number of cottages and a magnificent hotel are within its boundaries.

Another colony that is famous is the Winnisook Club. This colony is located near the foot of Slide Mountain on Winnisook Lake and has a commodious clubhouse.

Near Margaretville there is an extensive artists' colony. At Saugerties another colony is located on Barclay Heights. Palenville and Catskill have also a number of cottages. Roxbury and South Kortright have a few cottagers.

**ACCESS
By Water**

By boat the traveler may reach points within ten miles of the base of the Catskills.

The iron steamers, "New York" and "Albany," of the Hudson River Day Line, leave New York at the foot of Desbrosses street daily, except Sunday, at 8:40 A.M., giving the traveler a chance to enjoy a full view of the "Rhine of America" on both sides.

Connections are made at Kingston Point for places on the Ulster and Delaware and the Stony Clove Railroads. At Catskill the boats connect with the Catskill Mountain and Cairo Railroad for points in Greene County.

The Catskill Evening Line from New York has a fleet of four steamers, but the Onteora and the Kaaterskill are the most popular, and dinner is served soon after leaving New York. Breakfast is served before leaving the boat in the morning. These boats leave Christopher street daily, except Sundays. A Saturday boat leaves at 1:30 P.M. Close connection is made with the Catskill Mt. R. R. at Catskill for Leeds, Lawrenceville, Kaaterskill, Haines Falls, Tannersville, Cairo and South Cairo. Stages meet the morning trains at Cairo for Durham, East Durham, Freehold, Windham, East Windham, Jewett, South Durham, Acra and Gayhead. This line also runs to Hudson and Coxsackie.

The steamers Ida and Ulster of the Saugerties and New York Steamboat Company leave the same pier as the Catskill Line daily, except Sunday. A Saturday boat leaves at 1 P.M. Stage connections are made at Saugerties for Glasco, Veteran, Fawns, West Saugerties, Platte Clove, Elka Park, Saxton, Quarryville and Palenville.

The Central Hudson steamers leave Franklin street daily at 5 P.M. in time to give the tourist a charming twilight view of the Hudson. These boats run to Rondout but do not make direct railroad connections.

The steamer Mary Powell leaves Desbrosses street daily, except Saturday, at 3:30, connecting with the evening train on the U. & D. R. R.

The popularity of a region depends to a great extent upon its railroad service.

ACCESS By Rail

No summer resort in America has a finer railroad service than the Catskills.

The business man may close up his "deals" for the day, board a fast train, and in three and a half hours be sitting with his family in the dining room of the large hotels.

The West Shore is the only all-rail route to the Catskills. Solid vestibuled trains are run from Weehawken direct to nearly all of the large resorts in the Catskills. Two popular trains are the Rip Van Winkle Flyer and the Catskill Mt. Express. The Catskill Mountain Limited, making no stops between Weehawken and Phoenicia, will be the fastest train to the Catskill this season. This train will run after June 18. The West Shore connects, at Kingston, with the Ulster & Delaware R. R. for points in the Western Catskills, and for Tannersville, Haines Falls, Hunter and Kaaterskill. At Catskill connections are made for Cairo, Leeds, South Cairo, Palenville, Haines Falls, Otis Summit, Laurel House Station and Tannersville.



DEVESEGO FALLS, NEAR PRATTSVILLE

Excellent stage connections are made daily except Sunday, at Saugerties, for all points in that region, as well as for Platte Clove, West Saugerties, Elka Park, Saxton, Quarryville and Palenville. At Coxsackie, stages connect daily for Oak Hill, Greenville, Wilton, Grapeville and Result.

The fast trains of the New York Central connect at Rhinebeck by ferry with the U. & D. R. R., and at Greendale with the Catskill Mt. R. R. Ferry connections are made at Tivoli for the region around Saugerties.

MOUNTAIN RAIL- ROADS

Two railroads extend from the river to the mountains, the Ulster and Delaware, extending from Kingston Point to Oneonta, with a branch from Phoenicia to Kaaterskill and Hunter.

The Catskill Mt. & Cairo R. R. appropriately named "the short route" to the mountains, extends from Catskill to Palenville, with a branch to Cairo.

At Otis Junction this road connects with the celebrated Otis Elevating Railroad, which makes the ascent of the mountain in eight minutes, giving passengers a wonderful panoramic view of the Hudson River, a view extending for a distance of 10,000 square miles over the Hudson River Valley. At the summit connection is made with the Catskill and Tannersville Railroad for Laurel House Station, Haines Falls and Tannersville.

For a distance of about eight miles the Catskill and Tannersville and the Ulster and Delaware Railroad tracks run parallel through a beautiful region.

The Cairo Railroad extends from Catskill to Cairo, and is the only route to the vast section embraced in the Cairo region. Stages meet trains here for Purling, Acra, Ashland, Durham, East Durham, East Windham, Freehold, Hensonville, Oak Hill, Preston Hollow, South Durham, Prattsville, Union Society and Windham. More stages meet the trains at Cairo than at any other place in New York State.

ROADS

Good roads are the rule rather than the exception throughout the mountains.

The grade from the river to the base of the mountains is very gradual, as the mountains are reached, however, the ascent becomes harder, although the roads are excellent.

The finest road in the entire Catskills and the one known as the "automobile route," is from Saugerties. Here a macadamized road leads to Bearsville, through Centreville, Pine Grove and Woodstock, a distance of twelve miles, with a road branching off near Saugerties, to Palenville and another branching off at Centreville, leading to Fawns and Platte Clove. (This road continues to Lexington.) At Bearsville the macadamized road ends and after a few miles reaches Beechford, where it is again a macadamized road leading to Fleischmann's, passing through Pheonicia, Shandaken, Big Indian and Pine Hill and from here a good road extends to Stamford.

HIGH- WAYS

From Pheonicia a road extends through the Stony Clove to the road from Platte Clove to Lexington.

From Catskill an excellent road runs to Palenville and through the Palenville Clove to Hunter, connecting with the road to Lexington. A few automobiles have succeeded in making the ascent of the mountains over this road, but it is a severe tax upon a machine and a risky proposition.

From Catskill to Cairo the road passes Leeds and South Cairo, at Cairo it branches, one road following the Susquehanna turnpike, through Acra, South Durham, East Windham, Windham, Union Society, East Ashland, Ashland and Red Falls, a short distance farther it joins the road from Lexington and continues through Prattsville and through Gilboa, South Gilboa to Stamford.

A fine carriage road from Kingston (formerly the Kingston and Delhi road) extends into Delaware County.

A fair road from Woodstock follows northward along the foot of the mountains through West Saugerties and Palenville to Cairo.

The roads are nearly all through a well populated region and a little questioning

will serve to keep drivers from going astray.

Carriage roads extend in a number of cases to the summits of the peaks, but in a majority of them the road leads only part way and the rest of the journey must be continued on foot; the footpaths are well defined and are generally good.

In the vicinity of Stamford there are excellent roads and a large variety of scenery is embraced in the beautiful drives in that locality.

A WEEK'S TRIP BY CARRIAGE

A week's trip through the Catskills by carriage is one of the finest scenic tours in America. Leaving New York by boat the team will be conveyed to Saugerties, here the macadamized road should be followed to Bearsville, a break in the macadamized road is encountered here and extends to Cold Brook, the road is again macadamized and extends westward. The first night may be spent at Phoenicia.

The next day may be spent in driving to Big Indian and through the Big Indian Valley and returning and continuing the journey to Arkville; the third day, Stamford will be the resting place. The fourth day the return will be made through Grand Gorge to Prattsville, where numerous points of interest will be found. The night spent here the journey will be resumed the next morning to Lexington and Hunter. The sixth day may well be spent in the region in the neighborhood of Haines Falls and the journey to Catskill resumed the next morning.

Catskill will be reached in time for luncheon and ample time may be found to visit the points of interest.

The "rig" may be shipped back to New York by boat from here, and the tourist will have spent seven days in seeing the most interesting region in the world.

RIVER TOWNS KINGSTON

The most important of the cities lying at the entrance to the Catskills is the city of Kingston, 88 miles from New York. Rondout and Kingston form the City of Kingston, the former being the river port. Kingston is the third oldest settlement in the

state and is rich in historic association. It was burned by the British under Vaughn in 1777, and the settlers removed to New Kingston, in Delaware County. The present city is a thriving business locality, but bears many marks of its settlement by the Dutch. It was here that New York State came into existence and the old Senate House, where the first legislative body met, still stands a striking contrast to the present capital of the state. This building is open daily to visitors and has a large collection of interesting relics of the colonial days. Here also are a collection of the paintings of Vanderlyn, including the original study for his "Landing of Columbus."

The old Dutch Reformed Church, at the corner of Main and Wall Street, is an interesting place. Around the church are clustered tombstones bearing Dutch names and dating back to years before the revolution. The church records of this church are the most valuable in America and are complete from 1660 to the present date.

Kingston Point Park, three miles from **KINGSTON POINT** the city, is the finest pleasure resort along the Hudson, and is a famous excursion resort. The first view of the Catskills is obtained upon reaching here.

The region is picturesque and has many beautiful spots in the vicinity. The beautiful Bunnewater Lakes, five in number, are only five miles distant. The Esopus creek flows through the city, and its banks afford pleasant resting places. A macadamized road and a bicycle path extends from here to Saugerties.

Rhinebeck, noted for its beautiful summer homes, is just across the river.

Lake Katrine, a beautiful sheet of water, is two miles north. The drive to this place is magnificent, and the place worthy of a visit. The Esopus Ponds are three miles south of here, lying a mile west of the river. **LAKE KATRINE**

There are a number of excellent hotels in the city that are famous with tourists, who wish to rest over night before going to the mountains.

**SAUGER-
TIES**

The most picturesque of the river villages is Saugerties, ninety-nine miles from New York, and midway between Kingston and Catskills. This is one of the oldest settlements along the river, having been settled about 1748. The first settlement was made at a point two miles west of the river, at a place now known as Churchland. The old stone house erected by the first settler in 1750 is still standing, being occupied by a lineal descendant of the original occupant. The next settlement was made in the northern part of the town, near the present site of West Camp.

In a little bay across the river, just below Tivoli, Fulton constructed his first steamboat, the Clermont, destined to revolutionize traveling, and which frightened the staid old Dutch settlers, on its first trip, so that they fled in terror.

The village is located so as to command a magnificent view of the Catskills, the main ridge forming a beautiful background for the well shaded streets and neat residences. From the village many of the peaks of the eastern Catskills are in full view. Perched on the mountain, the Kaaterskill and the Mountain House are plainly visible, as are the Platterkill Clove and the Palen-



ESOPUS CREEK, NEAR SAUGERTIES

ville Clove. The Esopus Creek is lined with beautiful scenery along its banks. At a short distance south of the village this stream flows over a precipice, forming the beautiful Gleneric Falls, and continues its course northward through a rocky gorge that is strikingly picturesque.

The outskirts of the village abound in romantic spots that are ideal places for vacations.

The village has perfect water and sewerage systems, is lighted by electricity, and is accessible by rail or by water. The free delivery system of mails, adds to the comfort of guests, the mails being delivered not only in the village, but the R. F. D. extends to the numerous small hamlets on the outskirts.

A macadamized road extends from here to Bearsville, a distance of twelve miles, which is one of the best automobile courses in the state, and a fine road from Kingston leads to the macadamized road.

The favorite summer sports are walking, driving, boating, fishing and baseball, the local team belonging to the Hudson River League.

The number of places to visit in the vicinity of Saugerties is remarkable. Pleasant excursions for a day each may be made to Lake Katrine, Kingston Point, Woodstock, Plaatterkill Clove, Palenville and Kaaterskill Clove, Tannersville and Hunter, Haines Falls, Kaaterskill and Catskill Mountain House and Catskill.

The following places are small hamlets within the town limits of Saugerties.

A pretty little village lying on the Hud- **GLASCO** son, two miles south of Saugerties, with a number of attractive surroundings. North Bay, an inlet of the Hudson, is directly opposite. It was here that Fulton built his first steamboat. Magdalin Island is directly opposite the village, and the beautiful Gleneric Falls are southwest of the place.

There are beautiful drives in the neighborhood and excellent boating and fishing.

MALDEN. Malden is a small but picturesque hamlet a mile north of Saugerties, with pretty surroundings. It has two hotels, a railroad depot and steamboat landings.

**WEST
SAUGER-
TIES**

West Saugerties lies seven miles west of Saugerties at the opening of the beautiful Plaaterkill Clove. It is a small hamlet, but it is one of the most picturesque localities in the state, and should be visited by every one coming to the Catskills. The mountains tower high above the settlement and are broken from their summit to the base by the Clove. There are several sites here from which there is an extensive view of the Hudson River and valley. Back of the mountains overlooking the hamlet is the "Tory Swamp," formerly the rendezvous of a band of Tories and Indians who often sallied out to commit depredations on the neighboring farms.

The Plaaterkill Clove, with its magnificent scenery, affords some pleasant rambles.

The "Kopje" on the Overlook Mountain is a favorite jaunt with many visitors.



ENTRANCE TO PLATTERKILL CLOVE, WEST SAUGERTIES

The Plaaterkill Creek has worn a deep gorge along its course here that is unrivaled in beauty. The arch bridge crossing the Plaaterkill at this place, when seen from the gorge, presents the prettiest view that the writer has found in the region, a combination of arch, water falls and creek, with the Overlook Mountain for a background. Over a dozen waterfalls, each of them beautiful, are found within a radius of a mile.

Daisy is a small hamlet at the foot of the Overlook Mountain, on the macadamized road to Bearsville. It has pretty surroundings and a couple of small boarding places. **DAISY**

Located near Mount Airy on the road to the Katterskill Clove, is Quarryville. It is known as a celebrated quarrying region, having several hotels and a number of pretty nooks. The settlement commands a good view of the river. Mount Airy is just a little ways southeast of the village. **QUARRY-VILLE**

Highwoods, Saxton, Fish Creek, Pine Grove and Veteran are picturesque localities in the township.

On the road to West Saugerties is Fawns, which has several pretty boarding houses and a number of picturesque spots. **FAWNS**
(Blue Mts.)

Glenerie is a beautiful hamlet in the southern part of the town, near Glenerie Falls. **GLENERIE**

From the river to the summit of the mountains by way of Catskill is eighteen miles, hence the term "The short route to the Catskills" has been appropriately applied to this gateway, and more people enter the mountains at Catskill than at any other point, because Catskill is the entrance for the great Cairo region as well as for Palenville and the mountains beyond. **CATSKILL**

The town itself ranks first among the river towns as a popular resort and caters annually to nearly 10,000 summer boarders,

these with the large number of visitors from neighboring resorts make the place the liveliest along the river. The village is picturesquely located and commands a splendid view of the mountains from their southern to their northern extremity.

The noble Hudson is at its prettiest in this locality and some of the river drives are unequaled for scenic beauty.

BUSY SCENES

The village seems to have but one business street, and this street is a sight worth seeing on a midsummer day. Through the center goes an electric car, filled with boarders bound for Austin's Glen, Leeds and Greene's Lake. It is the vehicles, however, that add the picturesque element to the scene, and it is a careful driver who can pilot his horse faster than a walk through the mixed assemblage of "rigs" that line the streets. The huge five-seater, filled with a noisy crowd bound for one of the nearby points of interest, brushes past the hay rack covered with hay and loaded with laughing girls, whose roguish eyes peep out under their broad-brimmed sunbonnets.

It is no uncommon sight to find nearly a hundred of these comfortable conveyances scattered along the streets on a pleasant day.

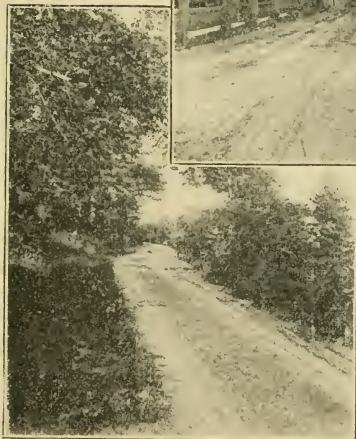
The residential streets lead up hill in all directions, and are noted for their beauty; wide branching trees, whose branches almost meet above the center of the road, line the streets; beautiful lawns abound.

Through the trees one obtains splendid views of both the river and the mountains.

At the lower end of Main street is the steamboat and ferry landing. From here there is a beautiful view of the mountains and the "Old Man of the Mountain," or "Sleeping Giant," can be plainly seen. Across the river is Church's Hill, and the magnificent residence on its summit was the home and studio of the late F. E. Church, the celebrated artist. A short distance above is Rogers Island, a favorite place for clam-bakes, campers and picnickers.

This island was the legendary scene of the fearful battle between the Mohawks and the Mohicans, which resulted in the blotting out of the latter tribe as a nation.

On the outskirts of the village Jefferson Heights invites numerous ramblers with its picturesque surroundings.



BRIDGE STREET,
CATSKILL

THE HAMBURG ROAD

PRETTY SPOTS

Austins Glen is perhaps the most noted place in this locality. The creek has worn its way through solid rock here, and presents some wonderful views, and the rapids are well worth seeing. Eagle Cliff, a ledge of rocks over the creek, is an interesting spot, and the ruins of an old mill and the railroad passing through the Glen, add the touch of civilization needed to make the picture complete.

Lampmans Creek, with its picturesque canyon and several picturesque waterfalls, is worthy of a visit. Here is located "Camp Content," a favorite spot with many Catskill residents.

No one should miss the drive over the Hamburg road along the river.

There are numerous points of interest in the locality that can be utilized as excursion points for one-day tours.

Excursion boats ply between Catskill and the small hamlets along the river.

The trolley line furnishes several tours that are interesting.

The interesting excursions by rail are inexpensive as well as interesting. One of these trips and one that should not be missed is a trip over the Otis Elevating Railroad. This trip takes the tourist from Catskill to Haines Falls and return, giving him a view of the river valley, the Mountain House, the Kaaterskill Falls, Twilight, Sunset and Santa Cruz Parks, Haines Falls and the Kaaterskill Clove. The trip takes one day and the excursion rate is \$1.25.

Trips may be made to Electric Park and to Albany by the little steamer plying between Albany and Catskill.

Excellent roads for driving are found in every direction.

The village has a number of excellent hotels which cater largely to the summer boarder. The large boarding houses devoted exclusively to the resort patronage are situated on the outskirts of the village and overlook the river valley.

Athens lies on the Hudson just across the river from the city of Hudson. The Potic

SIDE TRIPS

Hills extend through the western part of **ATHENS** the town and there are many beautiful localities found in the neighborhood. The railroad station is west of the village and is called West Athens.

Greenes Lake and Black Lake, two pretty bodies of water, the former being a noted picnic ground, are near here.

Hamburg, a picturesque locality, is to the south on the river road to Catskill.

There are pretty drives in nearly every direction, and there are several fine hotels catering to the summer tourists that have a wide reputation for comfort and cuisine. The river affords boating, fishing and bathing.

The last of the river towns of importance is Coxsackie, 121 miles from New York. It is not noted as a resort, although prettily located and commanding an excellent view of the Catskills, but is important in being the Railroad Station for a number of small but popular hamlets in the northern part of Greene County, including Climax, Urlton, Medway, Result, Stanton Hill, Sylvandale, Grapeville, Surprise, East Greenville, West Greenville, Greenville Centre, Greenville and Oak Hill. Coxsackie also has a number of splendid hotels. **COX-SACKIE**

Although Catskill, Athens and Coxsackie are in Greene County, their advantageous location, on the river, has caused the writer to classify them as river towns having the advantages of the attractions afforded by the noble Hudson. **GREENE COUNTY**

Greene County lies for the most part in the mountains and is famous for its scenic beauty as well as its popularity. Within its borders may be found the largest mountain house in the world, the Kaaterskill. A mile from the Kaaterskill stands the oldest and most famous mountain hotel, the Catskill Mountain House. In the county are found the most important waterfalls and with the exception of Slide Mountain, the highest peaks. Here also are 60 per cent. of the Catskill Mountain boarding houses and

60 per cent. of the summer population. The three most noted "Cloves" and six of the cottage colonies are found within its boundaries. Many of its most picturesque localities lie back from the beaten path of civilization, affording a seclusion and a restfulness that appeal to many. It has other localities that are the scene of a continual round of gayety.

The old stage coach is still found in many parts of this pretty region and some of the stage trips are wonderfully interesting. The drivers have pointed out many of the points described in this little volume that would have remained unnoticed had they not called attention to them.

KISKA- TOM

Kiskatom is a hamlet lying in the center of the Town of Catskill, near Sleepy Hollow and on the beautiful Kaaterskill Creek, six miles from Catskill. The region is rich in legends and has innumerable beautiful spots, including a pretty lake. Boating, fishing and bathing are among the pleasures to be indulged in here. The roads are cool and shaded and the numerous walks in the region open up a vista of many pleasant hours. The number of day trips that may be made from here is unlimited.

The railroad station for Kiskatom is Catskill, and the trip from Catskill is made by stage, the distance being six miles. Stages from all the boarding houses meet trains and steamboats every day.

Lawrenceville, a station on the Catskill Mountain Railway, is within a mile of the village.

Pleasant roads extend to Palenville, Cairo, Sleepy Hollow, Catskill and Leeds. The Kaaterskill and the Catskill Mountain House are plainly visible, and a short drive brings the tourist to the Otis Elevating Railroad.

A feature of Kiskatom in the line of novelties are the searchlight exploring parties organized there. These parties explore the region while the searchlight from the Mountain House is being operated.

Rip Rock, Sleepy Hollow Ravine and the Falls are among the points of interest.

The Kiskatom Retreat, located here, is a famous hostlery.

Leeds is a quaint old settlement, about **LEEDS** four miles from Catskill, along the Catskill Creek. It was an important manufacturing place at one period.

Here, A. T. Stewart erected a magnificent woolen mill, which employed hundreds of employes. The mills were closed in 1882, the employes moved away and the village became once more the quaint old village of a century before. The advent of the trolley line brought renewed activity to the place and it is now a popular excursion point.

The Leeds bridge, constructed over a century ago, is one of the landmarks of the Catskills. It is a massive structure, built of stone, with four arches spanning the creek.

Nearby is the old Low Dutch Reformed Church, erected in 1818.

The Salisbury House here was built in 1730 and has been enlarged several times since then, and is a veritable storehouse of interesting relics of Colonial days.

The natives tell you of the wonderful days when the mills were in operation and Leeds was the busiest place in the county.

A short distance from there are Greene's Lake and Black Lake, two pretty sheets of water that are favorite places with picnickers. In the distance the Mountain House and the Kaaterskill loom up on the summit of the mountains. At night the rays of the powerful searchlight from the former house find their way into the village, much to the discomfort, at times, of the rural swains and to the amusement of the summer guests.

Palenville lies at the opening of the Kaaterskill Clove at the terminus of the Catskill Mountain Railway. The village, famous as the "Falling Water" of Irving's legend of Rip Van Winkle, is one of the prettiest of the Catskill Mountain hamlets, and abounds in interesting legends. High up in **PALEN-
VILLE**

the "clove" is pointed out the identical ledge where "Rip" met the gnomes and after enjoying their hospitality spent the next twenty years in slumber. Here, according to another legend, the thunder is caused by the gnomes rolling balls at their old game of ten-pins, high up in the clove.

The village is well shaded, cool and abounds in picturesque locations. A number of handsome summer residences are found.

PINE KNOLL

Pine Knoll, the summer home of the George Ehrets, is on the road to West Saugerties. To the right as you approach the bridge on the way through Kaaterskill Clove is the magnificent residence of George H.



FAWN'S LEAP, PALENVILLE

Hall, the artist. Along the banks of the creek is the beautiful Gloria Dei Church. In the center of the village is the Rowena Memorial School, a magnificent structure, the gift of one of Palenville's summer residents. An old grist mill is one of the most picturesque places in the village.

There are innumerable picturesque spots along the creek here that are noted for their beauty, among them are the Palenville Cascades, the Dog's Hole, Black Crook Falls, Stony Brook Falls, Old Nick's Falls, Niobe Falls, Drummond Falls, La Belle Falls and the Naiad's Bath.

Profile rock, one of the wonders of the Catskills, is just above the village, on the face of Church's Ledge. A mile from here, at Otis Junction, is the "Winona Spring," whose waters are fast becoming famous. Here also we find the celebrated Otis Elevating railroad that takes us to the summit of the mountain in ten minutes, during which period we enjoy the wonderful panoramic view that seems to be unfolded before us.

From Palenville there are magnificent drives in every direction over cool roads that are noted for their excellent condition, and there are numerous picturesque rambles in the "clove" that are worth taking.

If the number of people who summer at Cairo is a criterion by which to judge, Cairo **CAIRO** is the most popular resort in the Catskills. The village is at the terminus of the Cairo Railway and is the gateway for the vast region embraced in Gayhead, Acra, Oak Hill, Durham, East Durham, East Windham, Hen-sonville, Windham, Union Society, Big Hollow, South Durham, Cornwallville, Norton Hill and Freehold. It is a remarkable sight to witness the arrival of the trains here on a summer day. Upward of a hundred conveyances bound for various parts of the mountains leave the depot, loaded with passengers and trunks. These conveyances are of all sizes and descriptions, some of them resembling Noah's Ark.

**MANY
ATTRAC-
TIONS**

The village commands a magnificent view of the mountains, which loom up majestically toward the west. North Mountain, Black Dome, Black Head, Acra Peak, and Windham High Peak overtopping the lesser peaks, but it is on the outskirts of the village that the most charming localities are found. The section around Purling (The Forge) abounds in beautiful scenery. The Skinglekill flows through here, and abounds in beautiful nooks, and the falls of the same name are among the most beautiful of the Catskill Mountain cascades. Miller's Glen is a beautiful gorge that is a favorite nook.

Farther up is Maple Lawn, one of the best-known of the Cairo hotels, and in its vicinity are a series of beautiful water falls, including Lock's Falls, Diana's Well, and the Winter Clove Falls. Farther down are the Glens Falls, Slaters Falls, Millride Falls, Renney's Falls, Forest Ravine Falls, Dutchess Falls and Schermerhorn Falls.

This section has many stories of Indian and Tory depredations, chief among them is the story of the massacre near Round Top of



SHINGLEKILL FALLS, CAIRO

the Stroope family, and the captivity and subsequent escape, after many trials, of Frederick Schermerhorn.

Cairo is the liveliest of the Catskill resorts, and attracts crowds of the younger element. Contrary to the usual rule, Cairo has a greater number of male guests than of the gentler sex, hence there are no "wall flowers" at the evening hops in the vicinity, and there is little time spent in "doing fancy work." Straw rides, picnics, excursions to the Kaaterskill and Mountain Houses, as well as to other surrounding resorts, pass the time away quickly.

Cairo has two events that attract great throngs: The annual Decoration Day excursion brings a vast throng here annually; but the event of the season is the "Cairo Fair," which is held in August.

This fair is the typical agricultural fair, and brings, not only the residents of Greene, Albany, Schoharie, and Ulster Counties to Cairo, but it brings from fifteen to twenty thousand of the summer guests from the various points in the Catskills. The variety of conveyances, the display of agricultural products, the tintype man, the merry-go-round and the midway, find as many patrons among the city guests as among the natives.

THE COUNTY FAIR

The portion of Cairo lying south of the station on the heights is called Purling. The vicinity was formerly called the Forge and is the prettiest portion of Cairo. The Shingle Kill forms a beautiful ravine here which is a favorite nook with the summer boarders. The mountains rise abruptly here and Black Head, Black Dome and Thomas Cole Mountains lie west. A chain of high peaks, including in the order named Acra Point, Burnt Knob, Windham High Peak, Mount Zoar, Giuseng Mountain, Mount Hayden, Mount Nebo and Mount Pisgah, extends northwest. Cairo Round Top is directly south and almost in a line is North Mountain. Splendid roads, good hotels and unusually attractive surroundings make Purling one of the favorite summer places with a great throng of people.

PURLING

**SOUTH
CAIRO**

South Cairo lies about four miles southeast of Cairo village, on Catskill Creek, and is reached by the Catskill Mountain Railroad. It is a picturesque region, with pleasant walks and pretty drives. A number of pretty boarding houses are located here.

**GAY-
HEAD**

Gayhead is a small hamlet north of Cairo, on Indian Ridge, near Vonderbeck Creek. It has some fine views of mountains and pleasant surroundings. There are several fine boarding houses. It is reached by stage from South Cairo.

ACRA

Acra is west of Cairo, near the foot of Acra Point and Burnt Knob, from the top of which there is a magnificent view. The station is Cairo.

DURHAM

Durham is a picturesque mountain village in the northeastern part of the county, 12 miles from Cairo. It commands some magnificent views of the surrounding region and of the Hudson River valley. A short distance from Durham stands Mt. Pisgah, on the summit of which there is a splendid observatory. Catskill Creek has worn many gorges in its banks in this region and presents some magnificent scenes.

The most picturesque portion of the town is in the neighborhood of Thorp Creek and is known as Shady Glen, which is the most popular place around and is visited annually by thousands. Legendary history credits this region with being the home of a tribe of aborigines and their haunts and an occasional relic of their occupancy are pointed out to the visitor. Within the glen are eight waterfalls that are wonderfully picturesque. A number of pretty nooks bearing romantic names are found at every turn, of these the most charming are the Devil's Oven, Rumble Tumble Rapids, the Bulwarks, Hungry Man's Hollow, the Hogsback, the Fairies' Pulpit, Table Rock Falls, Rainbow Falls, Dolly's Leap, Shimmering Falls, Diamond Falls and Nannie's Tumble. The turning mill and the old log cabin are favorite



SHADY GLEN, DURHAM

haunts. The Shady Glen House stands just at the entrance to the glen.

Mount Pisgah, Windham High Peak, Mount Hayden, Mount Zoar and Ginseng Mountain tower high above the neighborhood. Well defined trails lead to the summits of these mountains.

East Durham is seven miles from Cairo, on the road to Durham. It is a picturesque little hamlet with some delightful scenery. Taylor's Glen abounds in romantic nooks and there are several pretty waterfalls in the locality. The East Durham Falls, and the Silver Falls are both worthy of a visit.

**EAST
DURHAM**

South Durham is another of the pretty little hamlets in the town of Durham. It lies six miles from Cairo on the road to Windham, and almost at the foot of Windham

**SOUTH
DURHAM**

High Peak. The Bowery Creek, a tributary of the Catskill Creek, forms several pretty waterfalls here, of which Taylor's Falls, Marie Falls, Upper Falls and Stead's Twin Falls (upper and lower) are the handsomest. Oak Hill, West Durham, Cornwallsville and Sunside are small hamlets within the boundaries of the town.

EAST FREE- HOLD

Near the boundary lines of Cairo and Durham and approachable by way of Cairo or Coxsackie is Freehold. It was once the site of a Mohegan village and many of their stone implements are found on the flats a short distance from the village. It is very popular as a summer resort.

Norton Hill, Greenville and East Greenville are neighboring hamlets.

East Windham is situated on the north slope of Windham High Peak. It is one of the pleasantest of the mountain villages as well as the coolest.

In the neighborhood are a number of beautiful rambles. The view from here is conceded to be one of the finest in the state. From here one sees the green clad mountains of Vermont, the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Berkshires in Massachusetts, while at our feet lie the pretty hamlets of Cornwallsville, Oak Hill, East Durham, Durham, Freehold and Norton Hill. In the neighborhood are Silver Lake, High Peak, Cold Spring, Mount Zoar and Grand View, while a short distance away is the beautiful village of Windham. There is no lack of good hotels here and their rates are moderate.

WINDHAM

Windham has been aptly termed "The village beautiful." The visitor may come by train to Cairo or Hunter and drive from one of these to his destination. Upon approaching the village the tourist is deeply impressed with its beauty, and when the village is reached we find it to be a "gem" with a magnificent setting. The picturesque Batavia Kill flows through the village and has many pretty nooks along its banks. A pretty lake of crystal spring water near

"the Pines" is one of the great attractions of the place and furnishes boating and fishing. Just south of the village is Cave Mountain, 3,205 feet in height, commanding a magnificent view. Mount Pisgah, with its fine observatory, is a short distance away and is the favorite jaunt of many of the summer guests. Shady Brook, Coles Glen and Mitchell's Hollow are favorite spots with a number of people.

The magnificent pine trees found on the Soper property have given the title, "The Pines," to the magnificent hotel found here.

This cozy little hamlet is situated between Windham and East Windham, on the west side of Elm Ridge. Windham Falls is near here and the grove near the falls is much frequented by picnickers from surrounding places.

UNION SOCIETY

Big Hollow is a pretty region lying in the depression between Thomas Cole Mountain and Round Hill, on the road to Hunter.

BIG HOLLOW

Hensonville is at the junction of the roads from Cairo and from Hunter to Windham, near the Elm Ridge.

HENSON- VILLE

The Batavia Kill flows through the village, which has a number of small but cozy boarding houses.

The most noted section of the Catskills bears the railroad title "Otis Summit." A short distance from here is Kaaterskill, the U. & D. station for the same region. This region is termed the Kaaterskill region and here we find the Catskill Mountain House and a mile away (by path) we find the Kaaterskill. More visitors come here daily than to any other portion of the Catskills to see the wonderful view which Cooper so vividly describes, and which the author has reproduced in a previous chapter.

OTIS SUMMIT

This view is the most famous view in the world, the view extending over a space of 10,000 square miles, in five states, the observation point is the ledge of rocks on Pine Orchard, just in front of the Catskill

Mountain House. A glimpse into that house or a walk through the wide halls and we start for the Lakes.

There are two of these lakes lying a short distance apart. Various authorities have given them two sets of names, viz.: North and South Lake and the Kaaterskill Lakes. A fleet of boats here furnishes us with an opportunity to enjoy a boat ride on the summit of a mountain.

A walk around South Mountain leads us to Anvil Rock, Lover's Retreat, Alligator Rock, The Sphinx, Eagle Rock and Druid's Rock.

The Kaaterskill is noted as being the largest house in the world and is one of the "sights" of the region. It is located on the mountain overlooking the Kaaterskill Clove and the Hudson. An extensive park surrounds the hotel and paths lead to the various points of interest in the locality. In close proximity to the Kaaterskill are Sunset Rock, The Big Boulder, Star Rock, Fairy Spring and the Lemon Squeezer.

Mary's Glen, the Cellar, Newman's Ledge, Bear's Den, Jacob's Ladder, Prospect Rock and Artist's Rock are on North Mountain and are reached by paths from the Mountain House. A road from North Mountain leads down to Sleepy Hollow, which many claim is the region made famous as the scene of Rip Van Winkle's exploits. A short distance from the Mountain House are the celebrated Kaaterskill Falls, which will be described in the chapter on Haines Falls.

HAINES FALLS

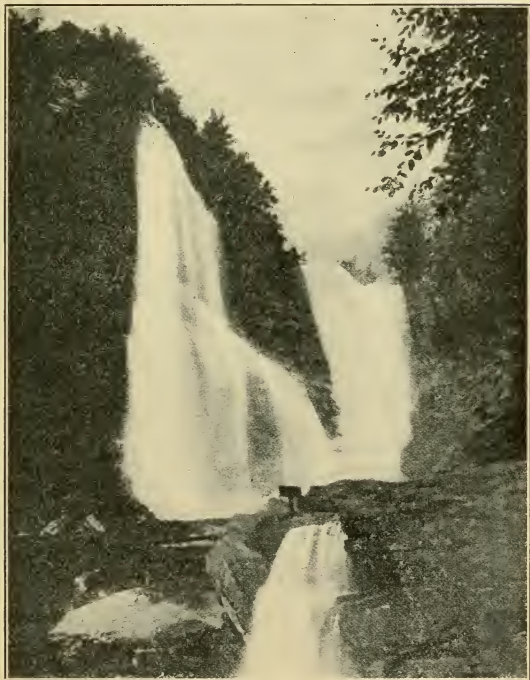
For half a century Haines Falls has been one of the most famous of America's mountain resorts. It is ideally located at the head of the celebrated Kaaterskill Clove and commands a beautiful view of the clove and the Hudson River Valley. Its surroundings make it the most interesting place in the Catskills. Its popularity is evinced not only by its great throng of cottagers and boarders, but by the thousands from other resorts who visit here for sightseeing. A short distance east of the depot is the opening of the

Kaaterskill Clove, while to the right are Sunset, Twilight and Santa Cruz Parks.

The Catskill Mountain Golf Links lie along the road to the Parks.

Just at the entrance to Twilight Park is the beautiful Haines Falls, one of the prettiest sights in the mountains.

Following the creek down its course through the scenes made famous in Irving's



HAINES FALLS

RAVINES AND FALLS

legend of Rip Van Winkle we pass the Spray Falls, The Great Landslide, The Five Cascades and Santa Cruz Falls, and at a point opposite the Lodge we reach the Kaaterskill Creek, a mile walk brings us to the Bastion Falls, and a short distance from here we find ourselves under the beautiful Kaaterskill Falls, the highest in the region. Returning to Santa Cruz we pass the Buttermilk Falls, Wild Cat Ravine, Hulyer's Ravine, Fawn's Leap, Profile Rock and find ourselves at Moore's Bridge. The road here is walled by the solid rocks of the mountain. Looking up at the mountain, Sunset Rock, Inspiration Point and the Amphitheater are plainly visible. Following the creek we soon reach La Belle Falls and are in the village of Palenville, under the shadow of Indian Head and the Palenville Overlook. Our trip has extended five miles and the return will be three more.

The walk to High Peak is a favorite with many. The path leads from the park and the distance is three miles; the view from here is magnificent and a number of people remain at the cabin on the summit over night to witness the sunrise. The view from here extends to the White Mountains in New Hampshire.

Deer Park, the magnificent summer home of Mr. S. Zweighaft, is a mile from the station and is open to visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Kaaterskill and the Mountain House are four miles distant. The Kaaterskill Lakes are three miles from here.

There are innumerable points of interest in the immediate vicinity and many pretty drives. Tannersville and Hunter, Elka and Onteora Parks and the Platterkill Clove and Stony Clove are within easy reach and are the destination of many driving parties.

PRETTY DRIVES

The prettiest all-day drive in the region is by way of Tannersville through Platte Cove and down the Platterkill Clove to West Saugerties, then drive north to Palenville and up the Palenville Mountain to Haines Falls. Several interesting excursions are offered by rail, including Catskill,

Palenville, The Mountain House, Cairo, Laurel House, Tannersville and Hunter.

Santa Cruz Lodge, The Antlers, Loxhurst, Ledge End Inn, Twilight Rest and Sunset Park Inn are located here.

Tannersville is two miles west of Haines Falls, and is the railroad station for Elka Park and Onteora Park and Schoharie Manor. It is one of the largest of the Catskill resorts and its streets are lined with hotels. The village has a splendid system of water-works, fine stores, good sewerage and flag-walks, and lighted by electricity.

Its location is picturesque; Clum Hill lies southeast and Onteora Mountain north. To the east the parks at Haines Falls, and the top of the Kaaterskill are visible, as well as a portion of the Hudson River Valley. To the west lies the Schoharie Valley and Hunter Mountain.

A beautiful view may be obtained from Star Rock, near Onteora Park, which is north of the village and above it.

Elka Park lies south of the village, near the head of the Mink Hollow Clove.

There are numerous pretty drives here, which have been described under the head of Haines Falls, but which are available for people summering here.

Half way between here and Hunter is the beautiful Stony Clove.

Platte Clove is six miles from Tannersville and nine miles from Saugerties. Burton's mail stages leave Saugerties daily at 2 P.M., reaching there at 6 P.M. Private conveyances meet trains at Tannersville.

This region, although not so well known as the Kaaterskill, rivals it in beauty and is considered by many as surpassing the Kaaterskill. Here are the headwaters of the Schoharie. On the right, perched on the side of Spruce Top Mountain is Elka Park, while along the road, in full view is a succession of peaks, averaging over 3,000 feet in height. On the north side of the road are Round Top and High Peak.

Near Sugar Loaf and adjoining Elka Park

TANNERSVILLE

PLATTE CLOVE

is Schoharie Manor and the beautiful Schoharie Mansion, one of the most imposing hostelrys in the mountains, patterned after the Colonial style.

Along the road near the head of the Clove is a large cottage colony, made up of individual estates, instead of an association.

PLATTER- KILL CLOVE

The Platterkill Clove resembles the Kaaterskill Clove in contour, the main stream flowing into it from the north the same as in the Kaaterskill. The erosion here is more marked, however, than in the Kaaterskill and the rock formation is more beautiful. Near the head of the clove a brook flows down from the north slope of High Peak in a series of beautiful tumbles over huge boulders and turns toward the east. At a short distance east of here another brook runs parallel to this brook and after flowing under the beautiful arch bridge it has worn a wonderful canyon, known locally as the Grand Canyon and the Hell Hole. Between the Plattskill Falls and West Saugerties, a distance of one and three-fourths miles, are seventeen falls, varying from 25 to 150 feet in height. The largest of these falls include Pomeroy Falls, Rainbow Falls, Red Falls, The Lemon Squeezer and the Blue Falls. To the right, on the way down, is the celebrated Black Chasm, with its picturesque stream and falls. About half way down, the Cross Clove is encountered, and is the grandest work of nature in the Catskills. The Sawmill Falls are a short distance below here and a short distance farther is West Saugerties, where, just above the arch bridge, two streams unite to form the Kagle Hole Falls. The water flows through a gorge of solid rock here and takes its last tumble of thirty feet over Carn's Falls, and continues its way toward Fawns, through a pretty section.

The return to the head of the Clove may be made by the road. The Cross Clove is seen at its best from the road, and on the opposite mountain may be seen the "Kopji," from which there is a famous view. A huge boulder standing over ten feet in height, standing so close to the road that there is

barely room for a team to pass, is encountered on the way up the mountain, from the top of which there is a pretty view. The bend in the road near the watering tub is a picturesque place and will attract the eye of those with artistic tastes. The ascent has taken an hour and we are again at the summit.

The Overlook Mountain is four miles distant, and a beautiful lake is found about half way there. The Roaring Kill, so called



THE HELL HOLE, PLATTE CLOVE

from the noise made by the water as it flows over the rocks, Dolan's Creek and Tory Falls are worthy of a visit. Nearby is the Tory Swamp, which was the rendezvous of the Tories in this region during the Revolution.

The drives are numerous and the roads are among the best in the state. Trails lead from here to High Peak, Spruce Top, Twin Mountain, Indian Head and Sugar Loaf with a trail from here over Clum Hill to Tannersville. A fair carriage road from here runs through Mink Hollow and follows around south of Mount Tobias and back from Lake Hill around the foot of the Overlook back to the foot of the Clove.

HUNTER.

Hunter lies at the foot of the Colonel's Chair Mountain (so called from its resemblance to a massive chair.) It is one of the prettiest of the Catskill Mountain villages, with wide streets, flag walks, beautiful lawns and magnificent shade trees that are the envy of its neighbors. Two miles distant, and in sight of the village, is Hunter Mountain, the highest point in Greene County.

The beautiful Stony Clove extends from the northeast side of Hunter Mountain to Phoenicia.

From Hunter there is a magnificent valley view, extending along the valley of the Schoharie.

Hunter is the railroad station for Lexington. Stages also leave here for Hensonville, Jewett Heights and Windham.

There are fine roads abounding in beautiful scenery found in the locality. The hotels are commodious, handsome and well managed.

STONY CLOVE.

This is one of the wildest and most picturesque of the Catskill Mountain "Cloves" and the only one through which a railroad passes. The portion known as "The Notch" appears to be hardly wide enough, when seen from a distance, for a wagon to pass through, yet here side by side are a wide gauge railroad, a splendid carriage road and a picturesque creek, with vast mountains on each side as though trying to keep them

together. The creek here rushes over huge boulders and produces a gurgling sound that will soothe the most nervous person into a deep slumber.

Edgewood and Lanesville are beautiful little hamlets in the Stony Clove and are noted not only for their picturesque surroundings but for the excellent trout fishing found in their vicinity.

Jewett is located on the heights overlooking the Schoharie Valley, nearly half of the town lying north of Hunter. A chain of high peaks and several pretty streams are found throughout the town. **JEWETT**

Jewett Heights, Jewett Centre and East Jewett are small hamlets in the town. Access is by road from Hunter.

Lexington is nine miles from Hunter in the Schoharie Valley. More than half of the surface of the town is occupied by lofty peaks and ridges. The village is north of the center of the township and is one of the prettiest in the Catskills. The Schoharie Creek flows through the village and at a short distance from the town it is joined by the West Kill. **LEXINGTON**

There are a number of interesting places in the locality. Deep Notch lies a few miles south: this "Clove" lies between Balsam Mountain and the Halcott Mountain, and is one of the finest of the cloves found in the Catskills. Among the peaks here are Big West Kill Mountain, St. Anne's Peak, North Dome, Eagle Mountain, Blue Bell and Lion's Head.

Bushnellville, Spruceton and West Kill are small hamlets in the township.

Prattsville occupies the northwest corner of the county and is reached by stage from Grand Gorge, Delaware County. It is one of the most noted as well as picturesque of the Green County villages. The village and town were named after Colonel Zadok Pratt. **PRATTSVILLE**

For twenty-five years the Pratt tanneries at this place tanned 60,000 sides of sole leath-

er annually, consuming 6,000 cords of bark in the process. The hides were shipped from South America and were hauled from the Hudson to Prattsville and back, a distance of over fifty miles.

During the Revolution the settlement was attacked by a party of Tories and Indians, led by a British officer. The inhabitants rallied and, after an exciting battle, defeated the invaders.

PRATT'S ROCKS

Just east of the village and a few hundred feet above it are the celebrated "Pratt's



PRATT'S ROCKS, PRATTSVILLE

Rocks," which consist of a series of wonderful carvings, including a bust of Zadok Pratt, under which are the words, "Zadok Pratt, born Dec. 30, 1700." Near this is a view of the tannery, with the words, "One million sides of sole leather tanned with hemlock bark in 20 years by Z. Pratt." A striking bas relief bust of his son, Colonel George W. Pratt, cut from solid rock, appears near. Other carvings represent objects in which the Pratts were interested. The family coat-of-arms—a hemlock tree and the words, "Do

well and doubt not." A carving of a horse, a scroll held in a hand, an uplifted arm holding a hammer, and two wreaths surrounding the names of two children, are among the carvings.

The region is noted for its picturesque localities, the Devesego Ravine and Falls being famous. The latter are below Prattsville and are magnificent.

Prattsville has its annual fair, which, although it does not rival the Cairo fair in attendance, is quite as picturesque and unique.

Red Falls is a picturesque mountain village, on the Schoharie, a few miles east of Prattsville. The Red Falls are the principal point of interest here.

The resorts in Ulster County lie in the Southern Catskill, along the Esopus. Ulster County originally embraced nearly all of the region now known as the Catskills. The scenery is equal to that of any section of the region. A portion of it has been described under the designation of "river towns," Kingston, Lake Katrine and Saugerties all being in Ulster County. Within the county is found the highest peak of the Catskills, Slide Mountain, the State Deer Park, the beautiful Woodland Valley, the openings to the Plaaterkill Clove and the Stony Clove. This region has been famous for years and was a favorite resort long before the construction of the railroad, catering to several thousand people. The Shandaken Valley and the Big Indian Valley are both in Ulster County.

SOUTHERN CATSKILLS ULSTER COUNTY

Soon after leaving Kingston we reach West Hurley, a picturesque little village, commanding a splendid view of the mountains. The village has two principal streets, one of which is quite pretty. The Overlook Mountain is directly north and Tonshi Mountain is about three miles northwest. East of the village, about two miles, is a small pond, known as the Binnewater Lake, from which a pretty little stream flows into the Esopus.

WEST HURLEY

West Hurley is the railroad station for

Woodstock, Bearsville, Shady and Lake Hill and the Overlook Mountain. Just below here is Stony Hollow, a rocky, picturesque region, noted for its bluestone quarries.

There are several pretty boarding houses in the village that cater to summer patronage.

Glenford, a pretty hamlet, lies just south of Tonshi Mountain.

WOOD- STOCK

The village of Woodstock is one of the prettiest of the Catskill Mountain villages, and one of the most popular. The locality presents a number of pretty views, looking toward the west are fertile lowlands, while to the north the Overlook Mountain looms up 2,650 feet above the village. Its highest point lying just northeast of the village, commencing at the Overlook and extending a little southwest, forming a background for the village.

The Overlook Mountain House is in plain view from the village—4 miles distant.

The Sawkill Creek, flowing through the village, has many beautiful scenes in its course. Riseley's Glen, the Sawkill Falls and the Grove are ideal nooks.

There is a splendid macadamized road passing through the village that makes automobiling a pleasure, and innumerable pretty drives extend in every direction.

Lewis Hollow, a depression on the northeast of the Overlook, lies a mile north of the village, and is worth visiting; a pretty creek with numerous rapids and tumbles adds greatly to the beauty of this Hollow.

BEARS- VILLE

Bearsville lies a mile west of Woodstock, on the macadamized road. A road from here leads to Wittenburg, which lies on the south side of Mount Tobias, and commands a good view of the valley. A small lake and the Little Beaver Kill are among the interesting places at Wittenburg.

SHADY

Shady is a picturesque hamlet with an appropriate name on the road from Bearsville to Lake Hill, and is north of Bearsville.

The road here winds along the course of the Sawkill and the mountains rise high above the bed of the creek, which is lined with massive trees. A picturesque clove known as Shady Hollow extends from here directly north for a distance of four miles to the foot of Sugar Loaf Mountain, in Greene County. There are a number of fertile farms in this clove and many views that are worth seeing.

Half way between here and Lake Hill P. O. is Cooper's Lake, a pretty body of water. Ample room for visitors will be found in the comfortable private houses here.

Lake Hill is a small settlement five miles from Woodstock, on the Beaver Kill and at the foot of Mount Tobias. The place is named from a pretty lake situated on the divide between the Beaver Kill and the Sawkill. This lake, known as Cooper's Lake, is one of the largest of the lakes in the region and has beautiful surroundings.

LAKE HILL.

There is a wealth of beautiful scenes in the locality and some famous trout streams. The celebrated Mink Hollow is near here and should be visited. This Hollow is four miles long and the mountains on both sides of the road are beautiful. A road leads from here to Beechford. There are plenty of boarding places in the neighborhood.

Brown's Station is a charming little hamlet, with some beautiful views of the mountains. The section is a farming country and is dotted with pretty homes. A number of cottages have been erected and there are several large boarding houses.

BROWN'S STATION.

Winehills Falls are a mile and a half south of here. Brodhead's Bridge is two miles and High Point three.

A good road extends to Shokan and there are many pretty walks.

Brodheads Bridge is the first settlement on the Esopus after leaving Kingston. High Point, over 3,000 feet in height, throws its shadow over the region and the path from the station to the summit is a favorite

BROD- HEADS BRIDGE.

jaunt. The Esopus here forms a very pretty island termed Pine Island, which is a favorite retreat. Bishops Falls, with its old mill is one of the famous bits of scenery in the locality, Winchells Falls is another picturesque place.

Olive City is a small settlement on the banks of the Esopus, a mile below the station.

Samsonville is a small hamlet seven miles from here on the south side of High Peak.

WEST SHOKAN

West Shokan is the next point visited. It is a beautiful little village with one hotel and a dozen or more excellent boarding houses. This village has been called "the gateway to the Catskills," because it is here that we begin to see the high peaks when we enter the region by way of Kingston.

High Point lies southwest of the village with a road leading to its foot. It is a favorite jaunt with visitors.

To the west lies the Wittenburg Chain with six peaks rising almost in a straight line, extending from northeast to southwest, as follows Peekamoose, Table Mountain, Lone Mountain, Cornell Mountain, Friday Mountain and the Wittenburg Mountain. Between Cornell Mountain and Friday Mountain may be seen Slide Mountain, the highest point in the Catskills.

A road from West Shokan leads southwest, past the northern part of High Point, to Peekamoose Lake and the "Gulf," which is one of the wildest pieces of scenery found in the Catskills. Here at the headwaters of Rondout lies the lake and the clubhouse of the Peekamoose Fishing Club.

SHOKAN.

Shokan lies east of West Shokan, the Esopus running between the two villages. It is a pretty little hamlet with several splendid boarding houses.

BOICE- VILLE.

Boiceville is a pretty hamlet three miles from Shokan. It lies in the valley between Wittemburg Mountain and the Ticetong

Mountain. The Esopus flows through the hamlet and its banks present a number of pretty scenes. A couple of pretty boarding houses are located here.

Cold Brook is a small station a short distance further on; it receives its name from the cool waters of the brook flowing into the Esopus near here. **COLD BROOK**

The Little Beaver Kill flows into the Esopus at this point and there are many pretty rambles in the neighborhood. A macadamized road extends to Delaware County.

Mount Pleasant is a small village on the Esopus, the post office being designated as The Corner. Mount Tremper, the highest point in this neighborhood, is easily reached and a beautiful view may be had from its summit. A number of small boarding houses and two large hotels cater to the summer trade. **MOUNT PLEASANT**

Longyear, a small settlement and post office, is a short distance from The Corner, on the road to Phoenicia.

The corner is on the macadamized road and driving is one of the favorite amusements. A picturesque road along the Beaver Kill leads to Lake Hill.

There are two large hotels and several boarding houses. A macadamized road extends from here to Delaware County.

Phoenicia is located at the junction of the main line of the U. & D. R. R. with the Stony Clove Branch. The picturesque Stony Clove Creek joins the Esopus here and at times the two form one of the most turbulent streams in the mountains. **PHOE- NICIA**

Phoenicia is situated in the mountains and this is so literally true that people often wonder how they came here, as there is apparently no way for the egress of a railway train. Mount Romer, Mount Tremper, Sheridan Mountain, Garfield Mountain and the Stony Clove Mountain seem to completely inclose the village. Approach to the village (by rail) is made around the foot of the mountains in nearly a half circle, and once

here the visitor is struck with the inspiring surroundings.

The village is one of the oldest of the summer resorts and previous to the opening of the Stony Clove Railroad was the greatest of the Catskill Resorts with the most famous hotel. The trend of travel for the past fifteen years has been to other sections of the Catskills, and Phoenicia has suffered a loss of many of its best patrons. There are beautiful drives, macadamized roads and magnificent views in the neighborhood that still attract large crowds annually. The Station is also the railroad station for Woodland. A good road from here leads to the Kaaterskill through the Stony Clove.

Chichesters is a small village along the Stony Clove, a short distance from here.

WOOD- LAND VALLEY

Woodland Valley lies south of Sheridan Mountain, the entrance to the valley being at a point a mile west of Phoenicia. The valley lies between Garfield and Panther Mountains on the west and Romer Mountain and Mount Pleasant on the east and extends, from the foot of Cross Mountain, north for a distance of four miles. The Woodland Creek, Dougherty Brook and Panther Kill are three pretty streams in the valley. Giants Ledge one of the wonders of the region is a palisade of rock 3,218 feet high and a mile long. High mountain peaks are found in every direction; among the highest are the Wittenburg Mountain, Cross Mountain, Mount Pleasant, Cornell Mountain and the Slide. The greater part of this region is owned by the state and is under the protection of the state forestry commission.

WOOD- LAND

Woodland is a pretty hamlet, situated along the side of the mountain, from which a road leads through the mountains for a distance of six miles to Winnisook Lodge. A trail extends over Wittenberg and Cornell Mountains and west to Slide Mountain.

There is a splendid hotel and a number of summer cottages in the region.

Allaben is a small village in the Shandaken Valley, twenty-nine miles from Rondout. Garfield Mountain stands nearly south of the village and Sheridan Mountain east. **ALLABEN**

There are numerous picturesque places in the neighborhood. The picturesque Broad street Hollow or Forest Valley, as it is sometimes called, with its picturesque creek opens into the eastern part of the village. Fox Hollow extending to the south and Peck Hollow extending to the north open into the western part of the village. All three of these are wild picturesque localities that have pretty and interesting local legends connected with them. Paths lead to each locality. The macadamized road passes through here.

Where the Esopus is joined by the Bush Kill and becomes a rapid stream is situated Shandaken, the Indian name for "Rapid Water." The locality is rich in picturesque localities and the number of pretty drives that can be taken from here make it a favorite sojourning place with a large number of people. A stage road leads along the Bush Kill through Bushnellville and West Kill, where there are a number of pretty houses, past Pine Island Mountain to Lexington. The road passes through Deep Hollow Gap, which is one of the most picturesque of the cloves. **SHAN-
DAKEN**

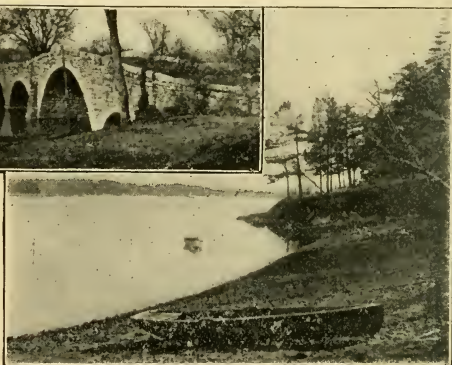
One of the prettiest trips in this section of the Catskills is a drive from here through Deep Hollow Gap to West Kill and from there east to Spruceton and return through the Broad St. Hollow to Allaben and then follow the macadamized road to Shandaken. Another pretty drive is through the Big Indian Valley to Winnisook Lodge, then take the road leading east until the Woodland Creek is reached; then follow the creek through the Woodland Valley to the macadamized road west of Phoenecia and return to the macadamized road through Allaben to Shandaken.

**BIG
INDIAN**

Big Indian is thirty-four miles from Kingston and is the station for the Big Indian Valley, which is noted as being the region having the highest peak of the Catskills, Slide Mountain. The name Big Indian was derived from one of the Mohawk Indians who was over seven feet in height and who was called the Big Indian. His name has been perpetuated by naming one of the high peaks here, Big Indian. Esopus Creek, the principal stream of this section of the mountains, after rising at the foot of Slide



LEEDS
BRIDGE



DIEPER HOOK

Mountain, flows north for nearly eight miles and near the station is joined by the waters of Birch Creek, which has drained the slopes of Summit Mountain and Rose Mountain, and they turn then toward the Hudson.

The Big Indian Valley extends nearly north and south and lies between Panther Mountain on the east and Balsam, Eagle, Spruce Top and Hemlock Mountains on the west to the foot of Slide Mountain. The entire region is a series of beautiful mountain views, bordered at the base of the mountains by the crystal-like waters of the Esopus.

Hardly has one left the station and passed Balsam Mountain when we approach the picturesque Lost Clove beyond. Eagle Mountain and Big Indian loom up like three huge sentinels guarding the pass. As we approach Big Indian we pass the charming little hamlet called Olivera, which is a favorite summering place. We continue our journey and find ourselves at Slide Mountain. Here, within a radius of a few miles, we find the head waters of Rondout Creek, Esopus Creek, the Neversink and of a branch of the Delaware River. The state deer park is located here between the east and west branches of the Neversink.

In the immediate locality are a dozen peaks over 3,000 feet in height, with Slide Mountain more than 4,200 feet, towering above the rest. A path leads to the summit of Slide Mountain and from its summit may be seen over sixty of the Catskill peaks, as well as the Highlands of the Hudson and the Shawangunks. The valleys of the four streams rising in this region and their tributaries are also visible. A short distance from Slide Mountain there is a cottage settlement and the celebrated Winnisook Lodge club house and Lake.

The locality here has innumerable trails to the different peaks and points of interest, but as the majority of these trails are through a wilderness, the visitor should not attempt to follow them without a competent guide, as there is danger of losing one's way, and once lost here it would be a difficult matter to find the way out of the region.

Pine Hill is one of the largest and best known of the Catskill Mountain resorts. It is located at the base of Belle Ayr Mountain, the station being perched upon the side of the mountain. The village is one of the oldest of the Catskill resorts and has a large number of summer hotels that are famous.

Birch Creek, a tributary of the Esopus, wends its way swiftly through the village. Summit Mountain lies a short distance from here and from it one can obtain a wonderful view of the mountains and valley. Looking toward Pine Hill one sees the beautiful Shan-

HIGH PEAKS

PINE HILL

daken Valley, Slide Mountain, Balsam Mountain and Panther Mountain. Toward the north one sees a large portion of the beautiful Fleischmann's Park, Griffin's Corners, and the Batavia Kill Valley.

A magnificent macadamized road passes through the village and makes driving and automobiling a pleasure.

The celebrated Horse Shoe curve, in the Ulster and Delaware Railroad, is just above Pine Hill, and passengers on the rear coaches can see the locomotive almost opposite and apparently coming toward the car.

Just above the village, perched on the side of High Mount, is High Mount, the well-known cottage colony. This Park commands a magnificent view of the Shandaken Valley and the Delaware Valley.

There are numerous drives to noted points of interest in the surrounding villages.

THE GRAND HOTEL

A mile from Pine Hill and three miles by rail is the Grand Hotel, the largest of the hotels in the western Catskills, and one of the finest hotels in the state.

The hotel is located on Monka Hill and commands some fine views of the surrounding country. A good trail leads to the top of Monka Hill, from which there is a fine view. "The Grand" is the center of social life in the western Catskills and hither come the coaching parties from the cottages in the surrounding villages to enjoy the hospitality of this noted house.

The hotel lies on the line dividing Ulster and Delaware Counties.

HARDEN- BURG

The township of Hardenburg occupies the southwestern corner of Ulster County, and is undoubtedly the most wildly picturesque part of the Catskills, and the most remote from civilization. Alder Lake, Beecher Lake, Balsam Lake, Furlough Lake, and Tunis Pond are beautiful sheets of water, located in the heart of the wildest part of the region.

Balsam Round Top, Graham Mountain and Eagle Mountain are the highest points in the town.

This is the region of the sturdy moun-

taineer, and here he is found in all his glory. There are numbers of people in this sparsely settled region who have never seen a steamboat or a railway car. This may seem an exaggeration but the writer knows it to be a fact. An occasional New York paper and the county papers keep the people in touch with the world outside.

As a fishing ground this region has no equal in the Catskills; there is also an abundance of game. Several of the small lakes have been purchased by individuals and form part of the estates in which their summer homes are located. Furlough Lake, one of these, is the property of Howard J. Gould.

Belle Ayr, Seager, Hardenburg Village and Turnwood are small villages in the town, access to which is by stage from Arkville, Delaware County.



CHURCHILL LAKE, STAMFORD

THE WESTERN CATSKILLS

Delaware County was formed in 1797 from Ulster and Otsego counties, the portion of the country lying east of the west branch of the Delaware being formerly a part of Ulster County. The surface is a hilly and mountainous upland divided into three general ridges by the valleys of the two branches of the Delaware River. The southern part has many lofty rocky peaks broken by wild ravines. In the north it is a beautiful hilly upland.

DELAWARE COUNTY

The main branch of the Delaware rises in Utsayantha Lake, near Stamford, this branch called by the Indians, Cookquago, flows southwest. The east branch called the Pepachton rises in Roxbury and flows southwest uniting with the main branch at Handcock.

The early history of the county was a series of disputes over titles, that led to an anti-rent war that resulted in a riot in 1845, in which Deputy Sheriff Steele was killed. The Governor issued a proclamation placing the county under martial law and placed a battalion of 300 militia, half of whom were mounted, at the disposal of local officers, for several months.

The scenery differs from the other parts of the Catskills. There are vast meadows, dotted with herds of prize cattle, and instead of a succession of large hotels, we pass the more modest farm house with its congenial surroundings. Plenty of good, pure milk, fresh eggs and vegetables are plentiful.

FLEISCH- MANN'S

Fleischmanns is the first railroad station in Delaware County. It boasts of a beautiful park, built by the Fleischmann family and their friends. The settlement contains the finest residences to be found in the Catskills and its residents are enabled to enjoy their vacation without leaving their own grounds. The Fleischmanns are lovers of nature, and spend the greater part of their time in the open air. Horseback riding, coaching and automobiling are among their diversions and the lovers of fine horses find a finer display of horseflesh here than at any

other place in the Catskills. One of the prettiest sights is the younger generation out for a morning canter.

A well equipped riding school, where the youngsters are taught to ride; a swimming pool that can be heated to any temperature, and a magnificent gymnasium are among the attractions. Coaching parties to the surrounding villages and automobile tours vie in popularity with horseback riding.

The most beautiful drive in the Catskills is over the Dry Brook road. This road, four miles long, is a private road, and is not open to the public. It leads through the Fleischmann estate, along Fleischmann Mountain,

**DRY
BROOK
ROAD**



KAATERSKILL FALLS

for a distance of four miles, to a plateau, overlooking the Dry Brook Valley. Massive shade trees, whose boughs meet at their tops, prevent the sun from reaching the road line, its entire distance, while a series of views never to be forgotten, are seen through the entire trip. The road is as smooth as a macadamized road, and is sprinkled daily, so that there is no dust.

The members of the Fleischmann family are hospitable and are willing to admit visitors to the grounds and buildings. Visitors should remember, however, that this is a private estate and that admittance does not include the right to pluck flowers, deface benches or peer into private cottages.

GRIFFIN'S CORNERS

Griffin's Corners is the old village and is a short distance from the station. Before the advent of the railroad it was the end of the first day's stage trip on the old Rondout and Delhi Line. It is the center for a rich dairying region and is popular as a summer resort. A road from here leads to Halcott and a road south to Balsam Mountain. There is a famous ball club here and an excellent diamond, hence Griffin's Corners is the center of baseball in the western Catskills. The games attract crowds from Pine Hill, The Grand Hotel, Mayentville and Arkville, which are all near by.

Emory Brook, Valley Kill and Red Kill are famous trout streams that are well stocked.

An automobile stage runs to and from Fleischmanns.

ARKVILLE

Arkville is a small hamlet, forty-five miles from Kingston, on the Bush Kill. It is situated near the site of the old Indian village of Pa-ka-tagh-kan. At a short distance along the Bush Kill are the hamlets of Solitude and Cloversville. Arkville is an important station, as it is the railroad station for the territory along the East Branch of the Delaware River, including Margaretville, Dunraven, Arena, Grant's Mills, Andes, Lake Delaware, Delhi, Union Grove, Shavertown, Pepacton and Downsville. Near the old site of Pa-ka-tagh-kan is a cave, with a number

of undecipherable heiroglyphics carved on its inner walls, that is visited by many curiosity seekers.

Furlough Lodge, the magnificent estate of Howard J. Gould, is some miles from here, in the Dry Brook region. Furlough Lake, a portion of this estate, is one of the prettiest of the Catskill Mountain Lakes.

FURLOUGH LODGE

Margaretville is situated one and a half miles from Arkville, on the west slope of Pa-ka-tagh-ken Mountain, commanding a magnificent view of the Delaware Valley. From its summit may be seen a beautiful surrounding country through both the Delaware and Dry Brook Valleys. Within a few miles are Furlough Lake, Mud Lake, Perch Lake, Balsam Lake, Tunis Lake, Beecher Lake, Eig Pond, Alder Lake, Landon Lake and Wamsley Lake, all small but picturesque sheets of water.

MARGARET- VILLE



THE GOULD MEMORIAL CHURCH, ROXBURY

ROXBURY

Roxbury is one of the quaint but charming villages that appeal to many people. It was settled by emigrants from Connecticut, and named from Roxbury, Conn. It was the birthplace of America's most noted financier, Jay Gould, and is the summer home of America's most noble woman—Miss Helen Miller Gould. "Kirkside," the summer home of Miss Gould, is located in the heart of the village, and Miss Gould spends a portion of each season here, to the great delight of the residents. She is an enthusiastic lover of nature, and may be seen daily taking automobile trips to the surrounding villages. The Gould Memorial Church adjoins Kirkside, and is one of the sights of the region.

The village presents a picturesque appearance, with its beautiful shade trees and well kept lawns. There are many points of interest in the locality, and a number of fine boarding houses. The sap from the vast old maples here is utilized in sugar-making, and the maple sugar made here is famous for its quality.

GRAND GORGE

Between the Moresville Range and Irish Mountain there is the remarkable "Grand Gorge," and this name has been given to the hamlet, formerly known as Moresville, lying northeast of the gorge.

It was settled in 1786 by John More, a sturdy Scot.

The region is a rich dairying country with one or two hotels. There are many picturesque scenes of interest in the immediate vicinity and a number of good roads leading to pretty surrounding hamlets. The stages from Prattsville and from Gilboa meet the trains here daily except Sunday. More Settlement is a small hamlet south of here, near the railroad.

GILBOA

Gilboa is in Schoharie County, but is reached by way of Grand Gorge. It is a small hamlet on Schoharie Creek and lies three and a half miles from the railroad. It has several pretty boarding houses, a hotel and a number of waterfalls in its vicinity, including Manor Kill Falls, Devesego Falls,

Mattice Falls and Gilboa Falls. There are many pretty drives in the vicinity.

Stamford is without exception the most beautiful of the Catskill villages and the largest of the resorts in the Western Catskills. The village is seventy-two miles from Kingston on the northwest slopes of Churchill and Utsayantha mountains, at an elevation of 1,800 feet. **STAMFORD**

"Queen of the Catskills" is the name bestowed upon this charming resort and the name is a well deserved one. The people here are progressive and enterprising and take considerable pride in their village. As a result we find electric lights, perfect sewerage, a fine system of water-works, broad streets with fine flag walks, lined with magnificent trees. Beautiful lawns and comfortable homes vie with the hotels in attractiveness and please the eye.

The scenery about is varied; to the west is a well cultivated upland, to the southwest the beautiful Delaware Valley. East of the



IN CHURCHILL PARK, STAMFORD

UTSAY- ANTHA OBSERVA- TORY

village are a series of mountains lying nearly north and south, commencing with Potter Hill on the north, and including in order Mine Hill, Bald Hill and Utsayantha Mountain, the first three being in Schoharie County. Churchill Mountain lies a little southwest of Utsayantha and completes the chain. An observatory 50 feet high is located on Utsayantha Mountain, from which may be seen fifty of the peaks of the Catskills, and 20,000 square miles of scenery, including the Adirondacks, Green Mountains and the Berkshires, as well as the cities of Albany and Schenectady.

The roads are excellent and there are dozens of points that may be utilized for drives, among which are Roxbury, Grand Gorge, Hobart, Utsayantha Mountain, Utsayantha Lake, Gilboa, Mayhem Pond, Jefferson and South Jefferson.

The Stamford Reservoir is a beautiful pond two and a half miles north of the village, on the west side of Mine Hill.

Utsayantha Lake is a mile north of the village and is very pretty.

The Churchill Lakes are two miniature lakes in Churchill Park, which is on the edge of the village at the head of Main street, and is one of the handsomest parks in the entire Catskills. The Rexmere lies in the park and is second to none of the large hotels.

The Utsayantha Golf Links are also in Churchill Park. This course is the most famous of the Catskill Mountain courses and attracts large numbers to the region for the annual contests.

MODERN CONVENI- ENCES.

There is a national bank, a public library, two thriving newspapers, excellent telegraph and telephone communication, churches of all denominations and the town receives several daily mails.

Jefferson, South Jefferson, Gilboa, South Gilboa and Ruth are pretty hamlets in the vicinity.

Hobart is a charming hamlet four miles from Stamford, with several hotels and boarding houses. It was settled by Dr.

Stewart and John and Alexander Moore from **HOBART** Scotland in 1773. The first pastor of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. Philander Chase, afterward became bishop of Ohio and Illincis.

Lake Odell, a beautiful sheet of water, is near here and there is also a picturesque falls here. Lake Brook, the outlet of Lake Odell, Town Brook, and Floral Valley Creek, join the Delaware nearby.

Floral Valley is one of the most picturesque regions in Delaware County. It takes its name from the profusion of wild flowers in the region.

	Miles.	Fare.	STAGE ROUTES
Saugerties—Centreville	3	.25	
Fawns	5	.35	
West Saugerties	7	.50	
Platte Clove	9	.75	
Elka Park	12	\$1.50	
Glasco	2	.25	
Quarryville	5	.25	
Palenville	7	.50	
Catskill—Kiskatom	5	.25	
Palenville	10	.50	
Haines Falls	13	1.00	
Leeds	3	.15	
South Cairo	8	.25	
Cairo	10	.50	
Coxsackie—Greenville	11	1.00	
Medway	7	.50	
Urlton	7	.50	
Result	7	.50	
Norton Hill	16	1.50	
Cairo—Oak Hill	11	.50	
Durham	12	.50	
East Durham	7	.50	
South Durham	6	.50	
East Windham	10	1.00	
Hensonville	15	1.50	
Windham	15	1.50	
Union Society	13	1.00	
Acra	3	.25	
Freehold	5	.25	
Hunter—Lexington	9	1.00	
Hensonville	7	.75	
Windham	9	1.00	
Jewett	9	1.00	
Ashland	14	1.25	
West Hurley—Woodstock	5	.25	
Mead's	8	1.00	
Overlook	9	1.25	
Bearsville	7	.35	
Shady	8	.40	
Lake Hill	10	.50	
Shandaken—Lexington	11	1.00	

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	Miles.	Fare.
Bushnellville	3	.35
West Kill	7	.75
Big Indian—Oliverea	2½	.25
Slide Mt.	5	.50
Winnisook Lodge	8½	.75
Arkville—Margeretville	2	.15
Grand Gorge—Prattsville	5	.50
Gilboa	4½	.40
Stamford—South Jefferson	3	.25
Jefferson	7	.50

Excursion Rates from New York.

	By Rail.	Hudson River Day Line.	Evening Line Boats.
Allaben.....	\$5.05	\$4.25	\$3.20
Arkville.....	6.00	5.20	4.15
Athens.....	4.56	3.50	2.25
Big Indian	5.30	4.50	3.45
Boiceville.....	4.40	3.80	2.15
Brown's Station	4.05	3.20	2.35
Cairo.....	5.75	4.75	4.25
Catskill.....	4.36	2.75	2.25
Chichesters.....	4.85	4.05	3.00
Coxsackie.....	4.84	....	2.25
Edgewood.....	5.25	4.40	3.35
Fleischmann's.....	5.75	4.95	3.90
Grand Gorge.....	7.05	6.20	5.15
Grand Hotel.....	5.60	4.75	3.75
Haines Falls.....	5.50	4.85	4.25
Hobart.....	7.75	6.95	5.90
Hunter.....	5.50	4.85	3.80
Kaaterskill.....	5.50	4.85	3.70
Lawrenceville.....	5.35	4.35	3.80
Otis Summit.....	5.50	4.85	4.25
Malden.....	4.06	....	2.25
Palenville.....	5.75	4.75	4.25
Phoenicia.....	4.75	3.95	2.90
Pine Hill....	5.55	4.65	3.60
Roxbury.....	6.65	5.85	4.80
Saugerties.....	3.92	....	1.75
Shandaken.....	5.05	4.30	3.25
Shokan.....	4.25	3.45	2.40
South Cairo.....	4.95	3.95	3.45
Tannersville.....	5.50	4.85	4.25
West Camp.....	4.10	....	2.25
West Hurley.....	3.65	2.85	1.80

Elevation of Catskill Mt. Peaks.

(United States Geological Survey.)

Mountain and nearest settlement.	Altitude.
Acra Point, Acra	3,085
Big Indian, Oliverea	3,721
Balsam Mt., Oliverea	3,723

Mountain and nearest settlement.	Altitude.
Belle Ayr, Pine Hill	3,405
Burnt Knob, Big Hollow	3,160
Black Dome, Big Hollow	3,990
Black Head, Big Hollow	3,937
Bloomberg, Prattsville	3,200
Balsam Mt., West Kill	3,565
Bald Hill, Stamford	2,778
Colonel's Chair, Hunter	3,000
Cornell, West Shokan	3,906
Churchill, Stamford	3,213
Cave, Jewett	3,035
Double Top Mt., Seager	3,905—3,875
Evergreen, Spruceton	3,531
Eagle, Seager	3,700
Fleischmann's, Fleischmann's	2,944
Fir, Slide Mt.	3,619
Giant's Ledge, Woodland	3,218
Graham, Seager	3,890
Ginseng, East Windham	3,790
Garfield, Phoenicia	2,532
Hemlock, Slide Mt.	3,264
Hunterfield, Ashland	3,450
Halcott, Bushnellville	3,537
Hunter, Hunter	4,025
High Peak, Haines Falls	3,660



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Mountain and nearest settlement.	Altitude.
High Peak, Windham	3,505
Hayden, East Windham	2,930
Indian Head, Platte Clove	3,585
Kettle Hill, Margaretville	2,211
McGregor, Grand Gorge	3,253
Mine Hill, Stamford	2,820
North Dome, Spruceton	3,593
North Mt., Catskill Mt. House	3,000
Overlook, Woodstock	3,150
Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	2,900
Plattekill, Arkville	3,250
Panther, Woodland	3,760
Fisgah, West Durham	2,885
Parker, Tannersville	3,205
Platterkill, Platte Clove	3,125
Plateau, Elk Park	3,855
Round Top, Haines Falls	3,470
Round Top, Prattsville	3,448
Rusk, Hunter	3,680
Rose, Pine Hill	3,123
Richmond, Windham	3,213
Red, Roxbury	2,800
Spruce, Slide Mt.	3,380
Slide, Slide Mt. (Guyot)	4,205
Stoppel, Laurel House	4,425
Sheridan, Phoenicia	2,207
Star Rock, Onteora Park	2,515
Sugar Loaf, Platte Clove	3,782
Tower, Lexington	2,920
Tremper, Phoenicia	2,740
Tobias, Lake Hill	2,540
Thomas Cole, Big Hollow	3,935
Twin Mts.	3,647—3,476
Utsayantha, Stamford	3,213
Vly, Walcott Centre	3,476
West Kill, Spruceton	3,925
Wittenberg, Boiceville	3,802
Mt. Zoar, East Windham	2,630

Elevation of Villages in the Catskills.

Village and R. R. station.	Miles from R.R.station.	Elevation.
Acra, Cairo	5	775
Allaben, Allaben .....	..	1,000
Arkville, Arkville .....	..	1,344
Ashland, Hunter	10	1,450
Athens, West Athens	1	300
Big Indian, Big Indian .....	..	1,210
Boiceville, Boiceville .....	..	598
Brodheads, Boiceville .....	..	500
Brown's Station, Brown's Station..	..	525
Bushnellville, Shandaken	3	1,100
Cairo, Cairo .....	..	800
Catskill, Catskill .....	..	300
Chichester, Chichester .....	..	850
Coxsackie, Coxsackie .....	..	400
Durham, Cairo	10	900
East Durham, Cairo	8	750
East Windham, Cairo	10	2,000

Village and R. R. station.	Miles from R.R. station.	Eleva- tion.
Edgewood, Edgewood .....	..	1,782
Fleischmann's, Fleischmann's .....	..	1,500
Freehold, Cairo	5	700
Gayhead, South Cairo	4	615
Gilboa, Grand Gorge	3½	1,600
Glasco, Saugerties	2	400
Grand Gorge, Grand Gorge .....	..	1,566
Grand Hotel Sta., Grand Hotel Sta. ..	..	1,866
Griffen's Corners, Fleischmann's ..	1	1,400
Haines Falls, Haines Falls .....	..	2,000
Hensonville, Hunter	7	1,646
Hobart, Hobart .....	..	1,637
Hunter, Hunter .....	..	1,600
Jewett, Hunter	7	1,810
Kaaterskill, Kaaterskill and Otis Summit .....	..	2,141
Kiskatom, Catskill	5	1,500
Leeds, Leeds .....	..	600
Lexington, Hunter	8	1,320
Margaretville, Arkville	2	1,325
Olivera, Big Indian	2	1,800
Palenville, Palenville .....	..	680
Phoenicia, Phoenicia .....	..	800
Pine Hill, Pine Hill .....	..	1,700
Platte Clove, Saugerties	9	2,000
Prattsville, Grand Gorge	5	1,664
Purling, Cairo	1	800
Roxbury, Roxbury .....	..	1,500
Saugerties, Saugerties .....	..	500
Shandaken, Shandaken .....	..	1,060
Shokan, Shokan .....	..	533
Slide Mt., Big Indian	5	2,000
South Durham, Cairo	5	970
Stamford, Stamford .....	..	1,800
Tannersville, Tannersville .....	..	1,926
The Corner, Mt. Pleasant .....	..	800
West Hurley, West Hurley .....	..	530
West Saugerties, Saugerties	6	600
Windham, Hunter	8	1,510
Woodland, Phoenicia	4	800
Woodstock, West Hurley	5	594

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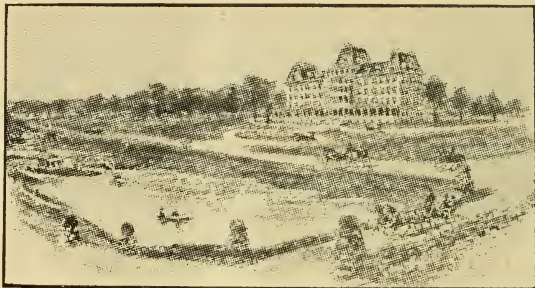
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Hotel Hamilton,	50	
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Kendall Place,	60	G. W. Kendall
The Madison,	50	A. C. Van Dyke
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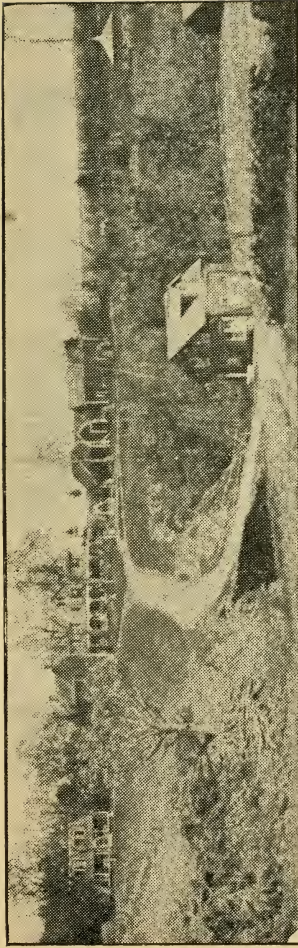
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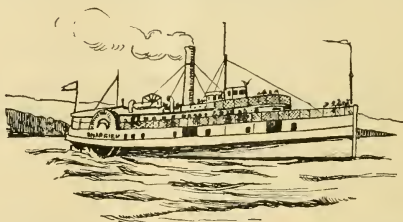
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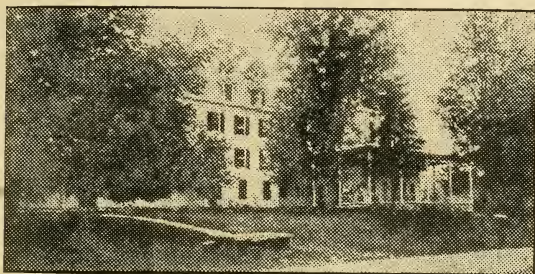
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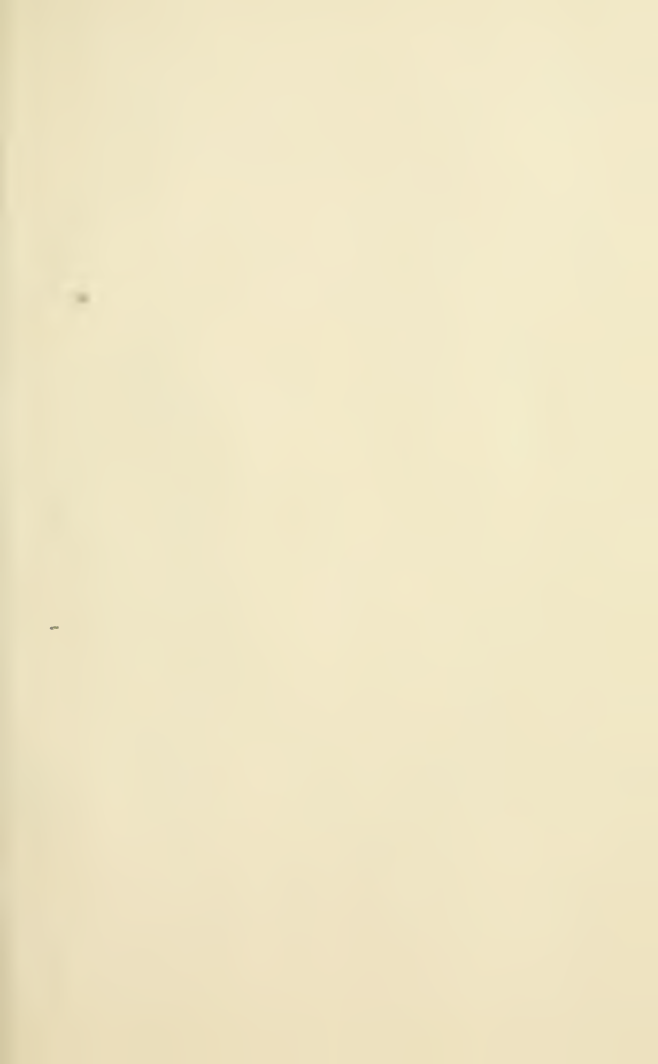
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